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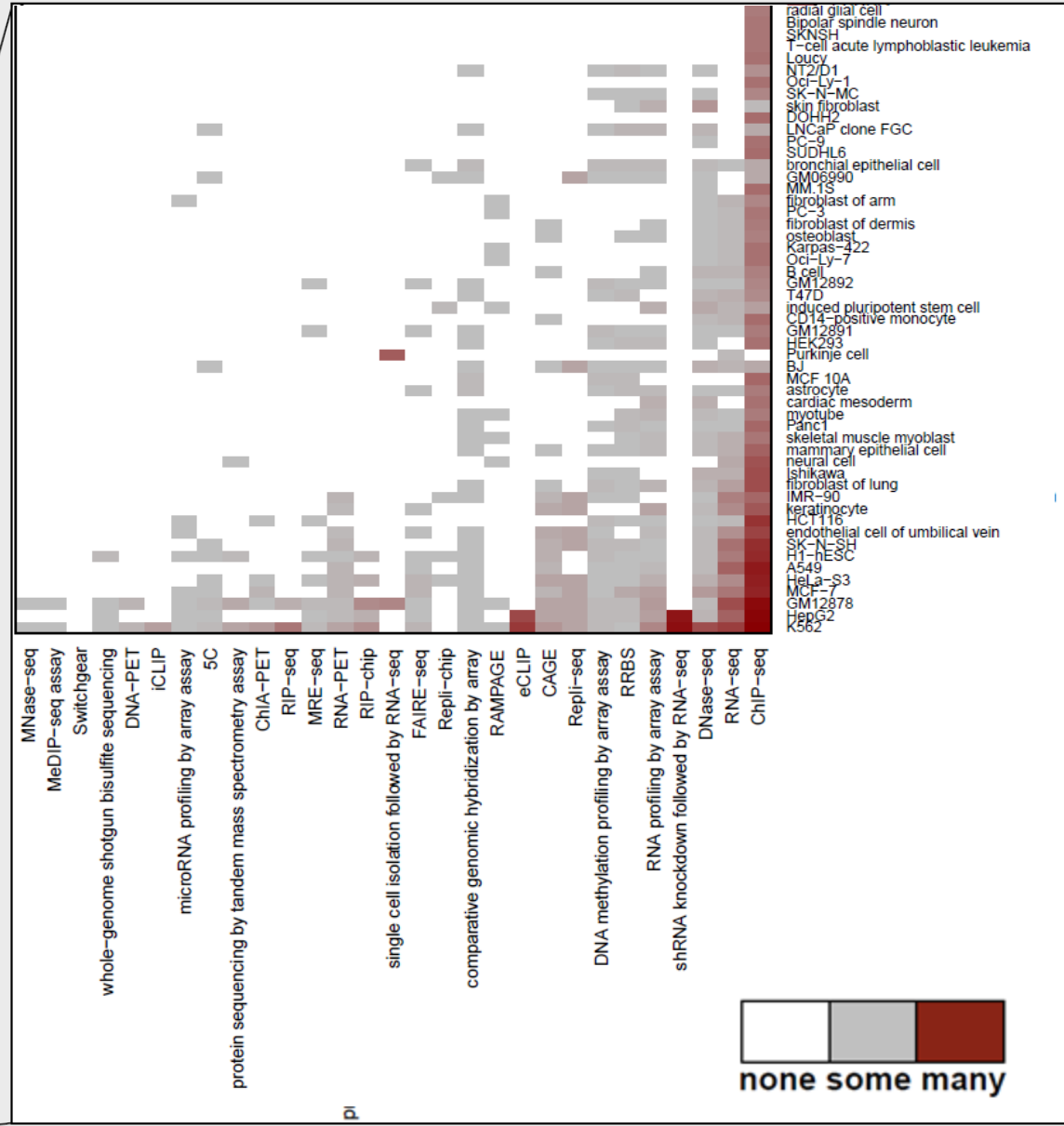
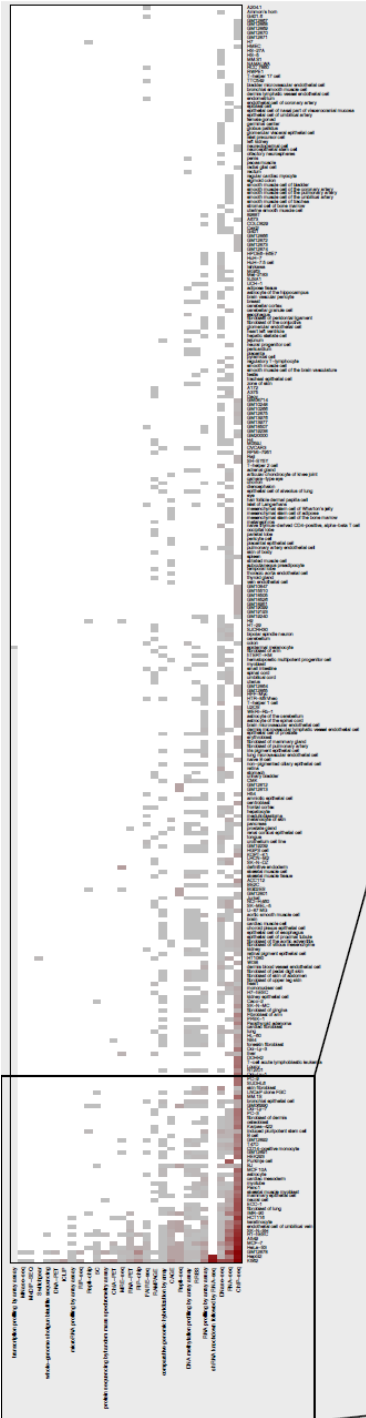
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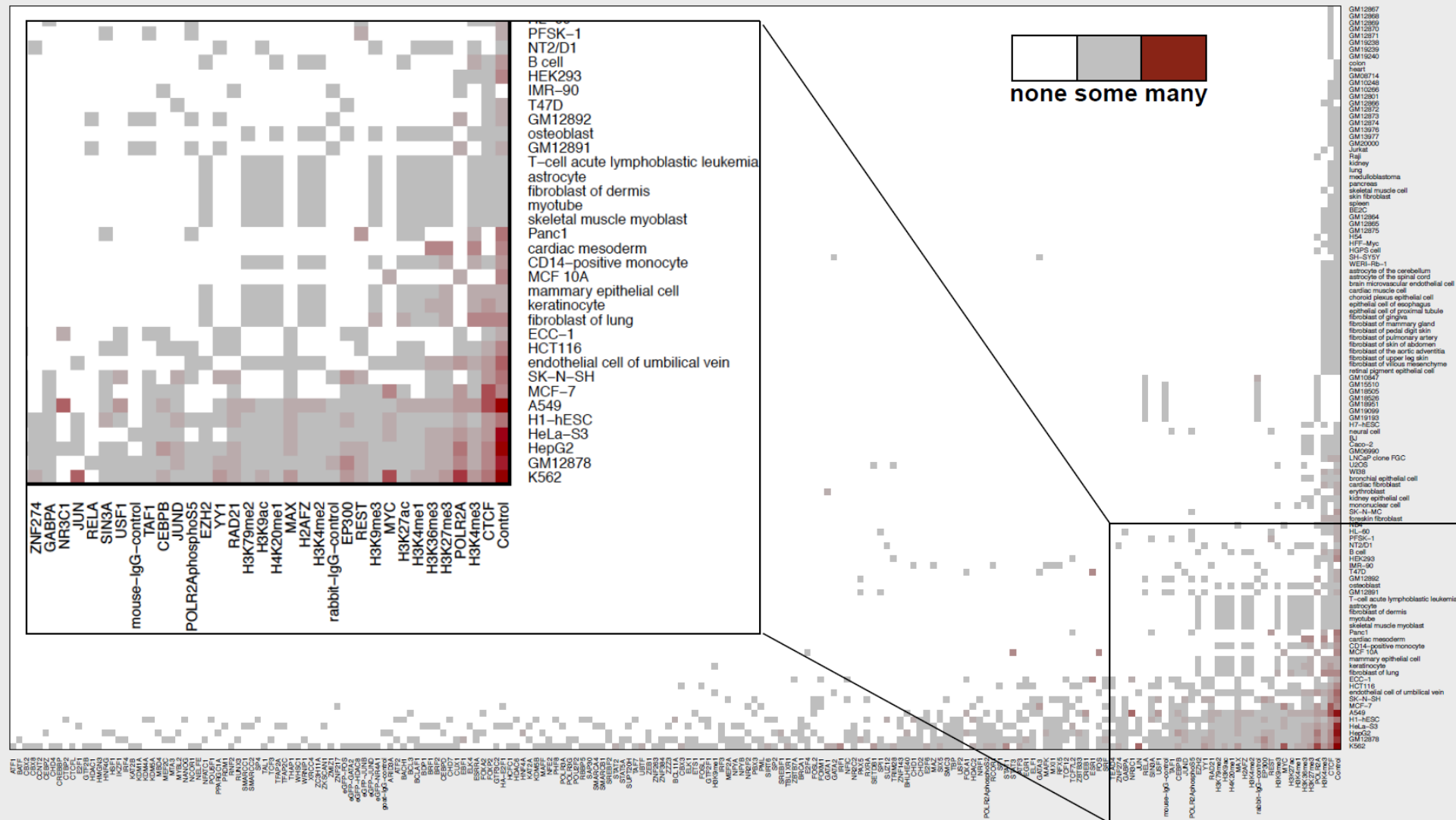
Assay and cell type coverage in ENCODE

(all 3939 experiments, including non-released/proposed)



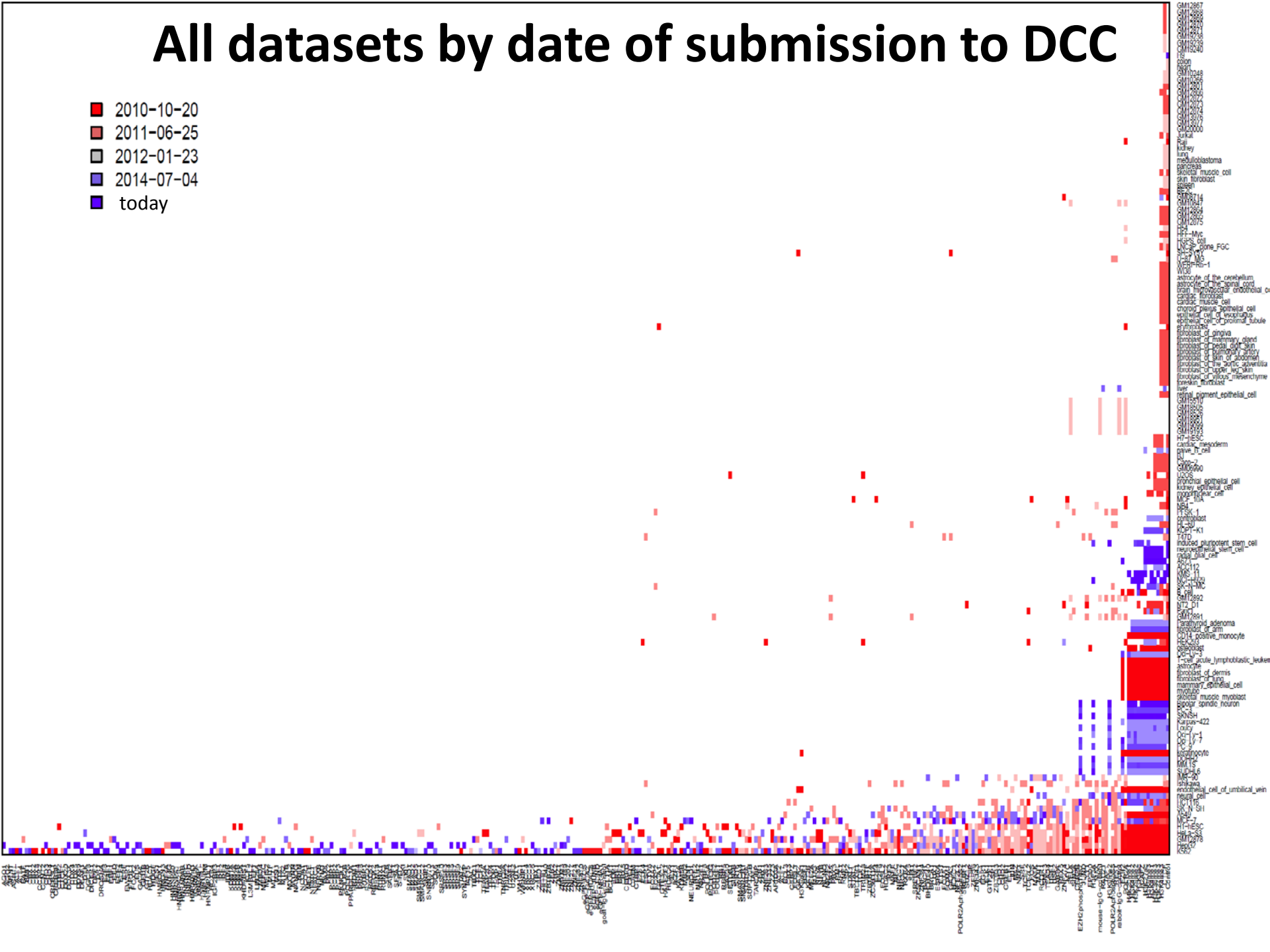
Cell type coverage of ChIP-seq experiments

(out of 2618 released experiments only)



All datasets by date of submission to DCC

- 2010-10-20
- 2011-06-25
- 2012-01-23
- 2014-07-04
- today

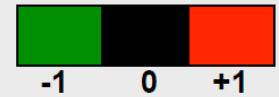


Beyond metadata: correlating datasets

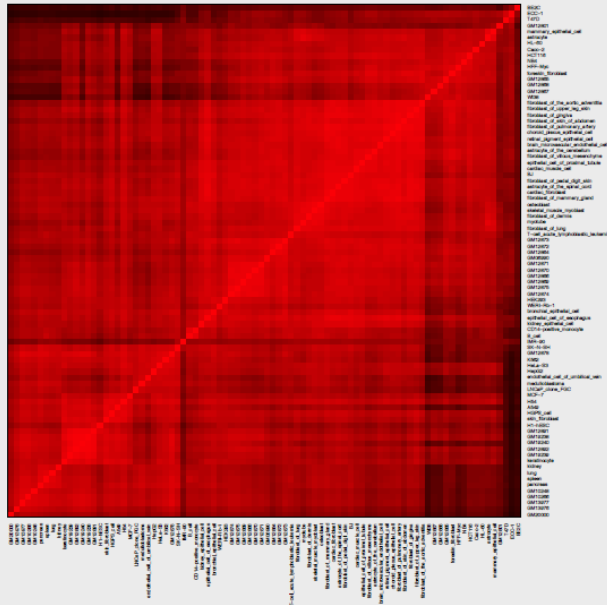
Focusing on 1449 ChIP-seq experiments (released, hg19)

1. Download all ENCODE ChIP-seq experiment data
 - Using the DCC's REST API: http://wiki.encode-dcc.org/index.php/The_ENCODE_REST_API
2. For each cell-type/target combination, select the largest file (as a weak proxy for data quality / sequencing depth)
 - This results in 1100 data files for ChIP-seq alone
3. Calculate pairwise correlations between cell types
 - Pearson correlation on full bigWig files (wiggletools)
 - Pearson/Spearman correlation on 10,000 regions that are most variable across cell types

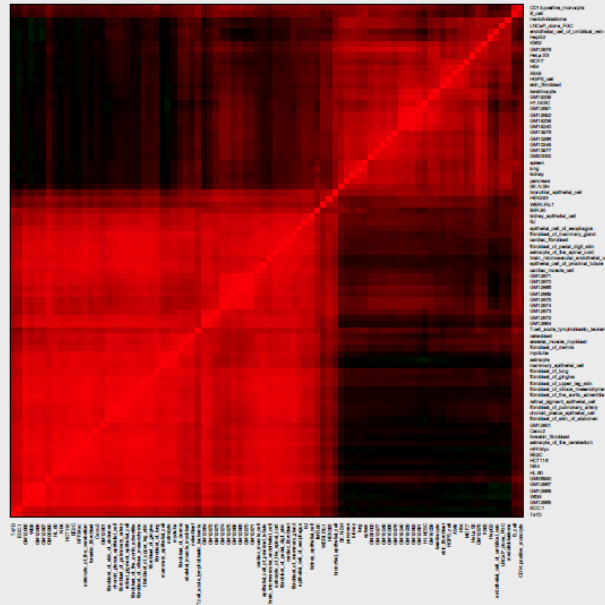
For example: CTCF



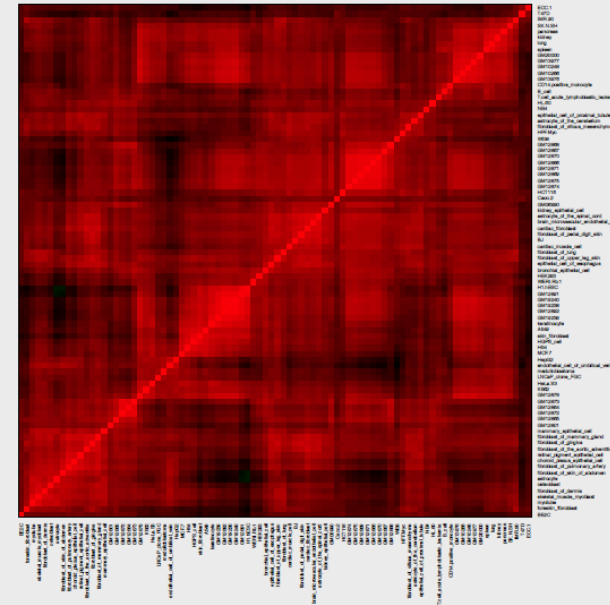
a. wiggletools



b. Pearson m/v



c. Spearman m/v



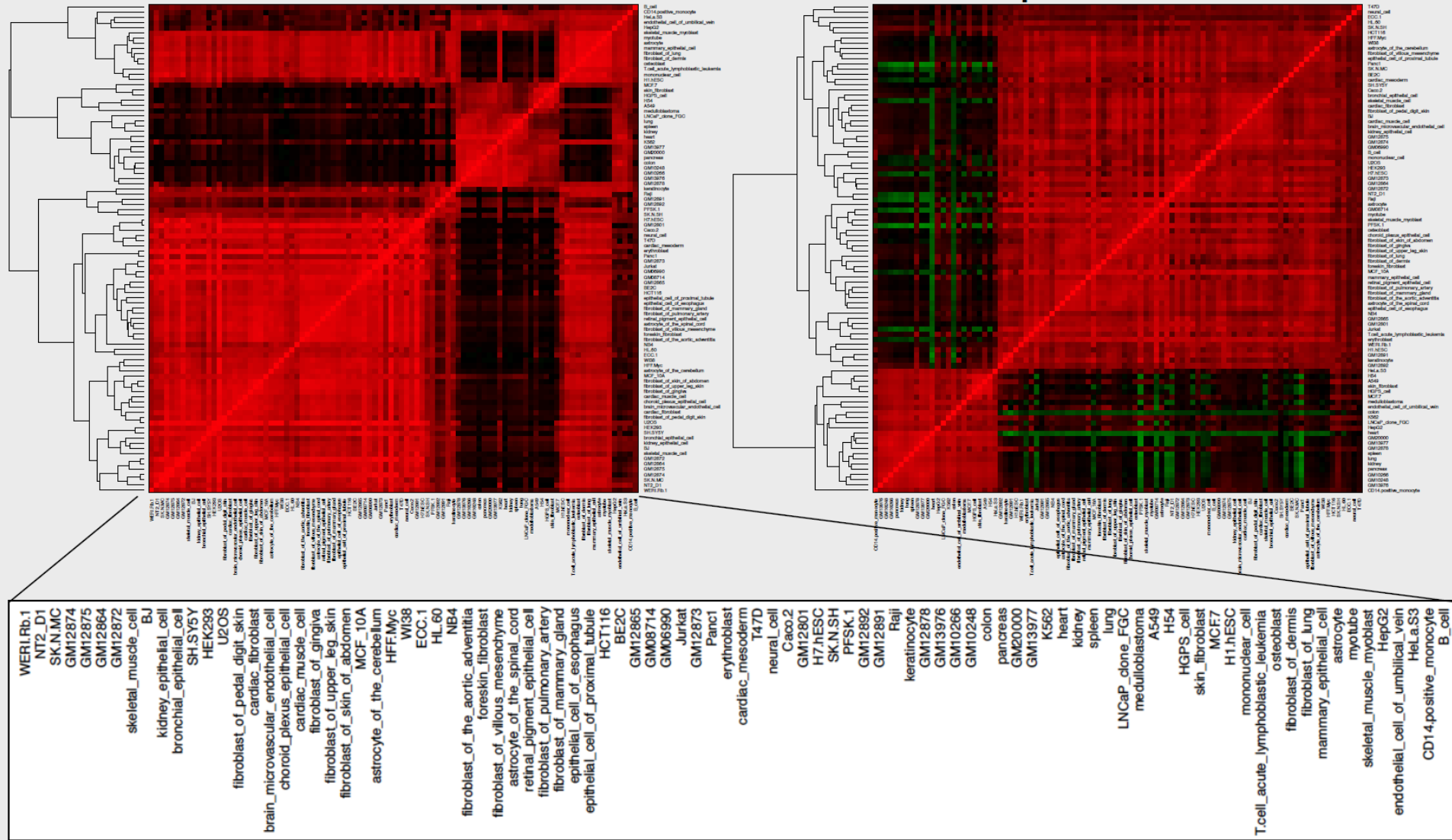
- Shown are pairwise correlation coefficients across 86 cell types with CTCF ChIP-seq data.
- Pearson correlations based on full bigWig files (a) may be too sensitive to noise.

m/v: across 10,000 'most variable' regions

All ChIP-seq data combined (201 target proteins)

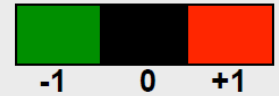
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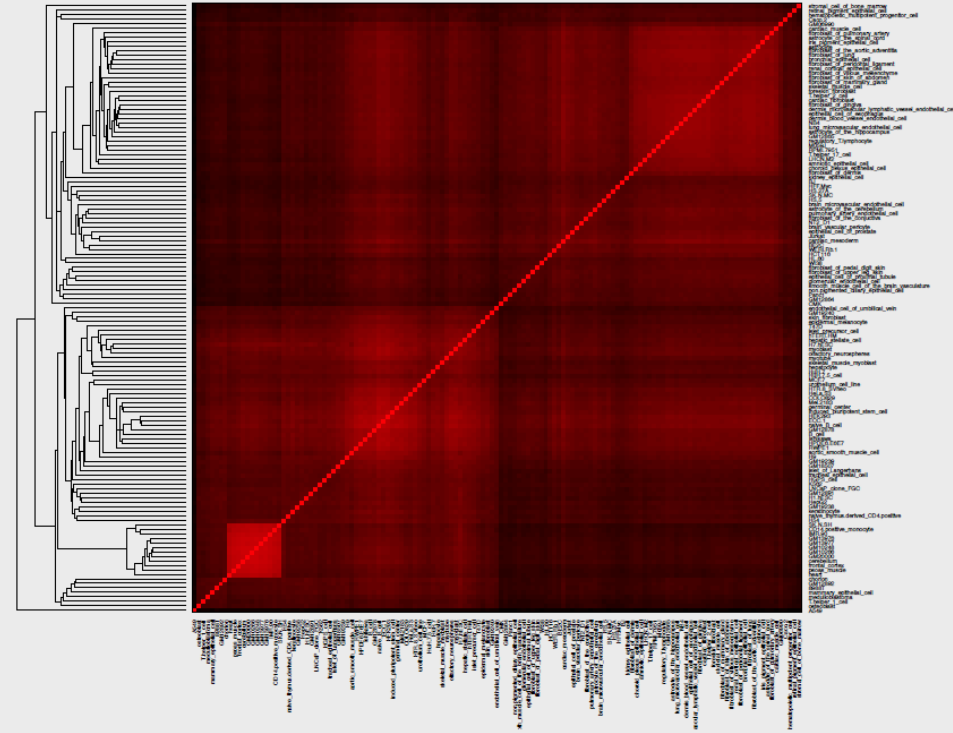
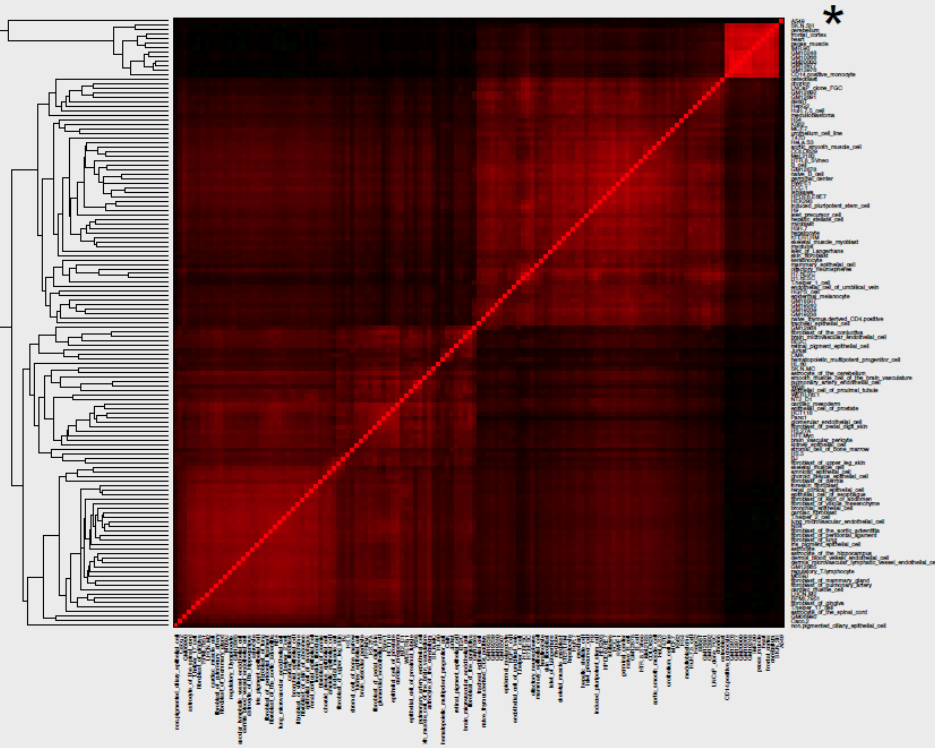
Local grouping makes some sense, global grouping not really 10

Encore: DNaseI



a. Pearson m/v

b. Spearman m/v



- Shown are pairwise correlation coefficients across 135 cell types with DNaseI-seq data.

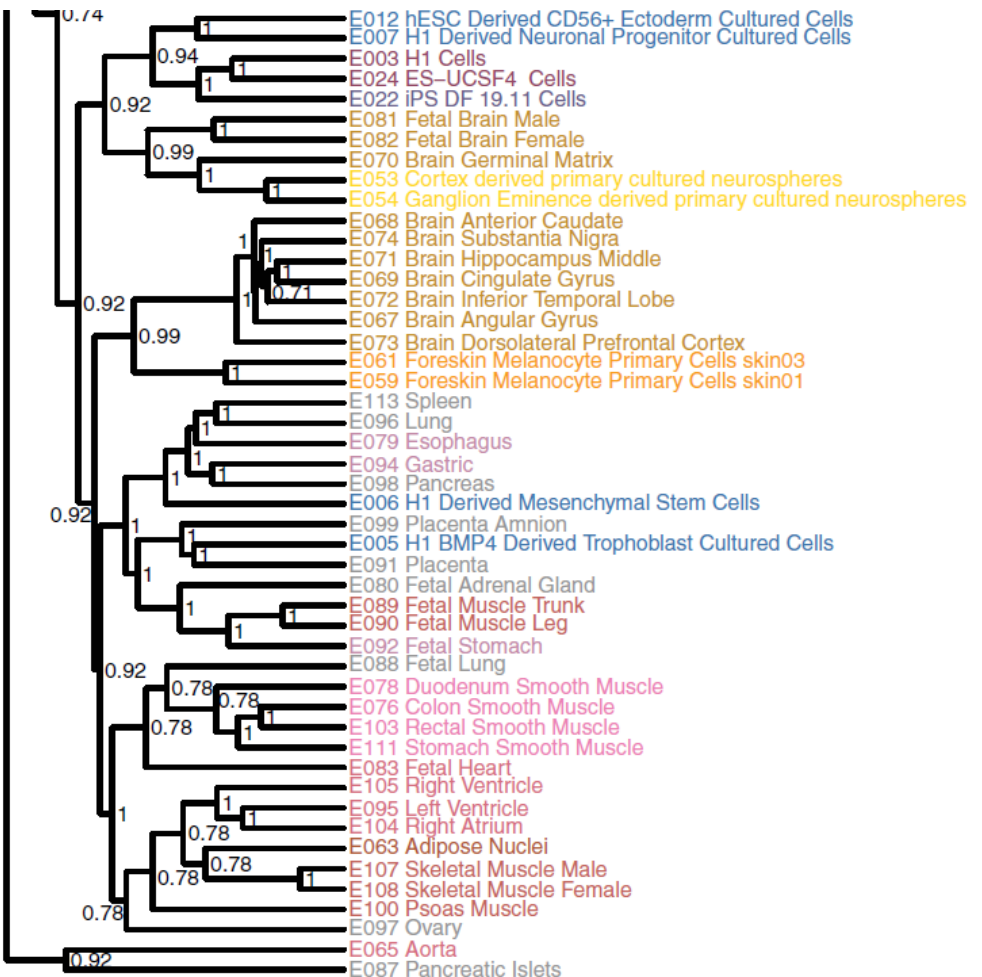
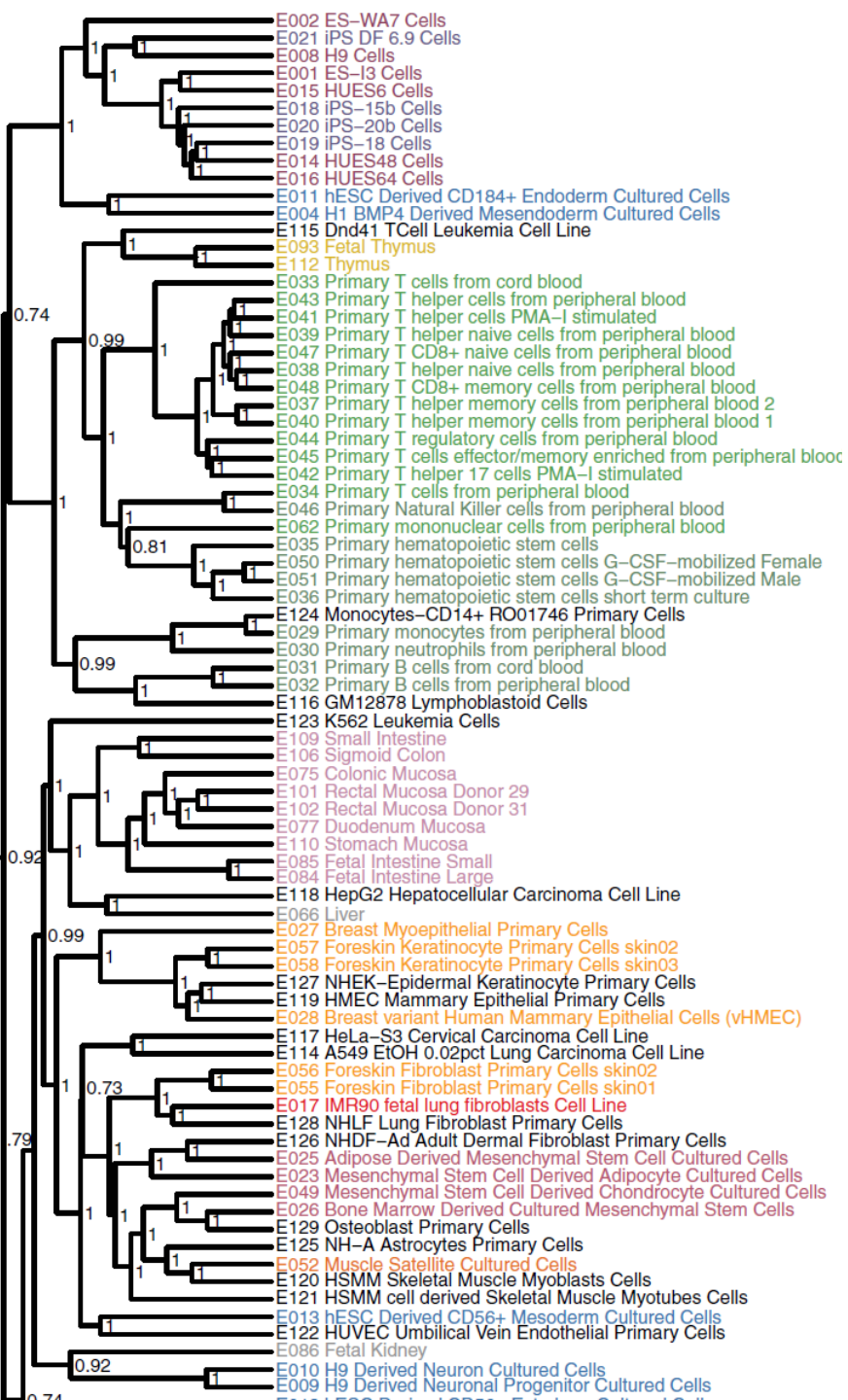
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Take-home messages

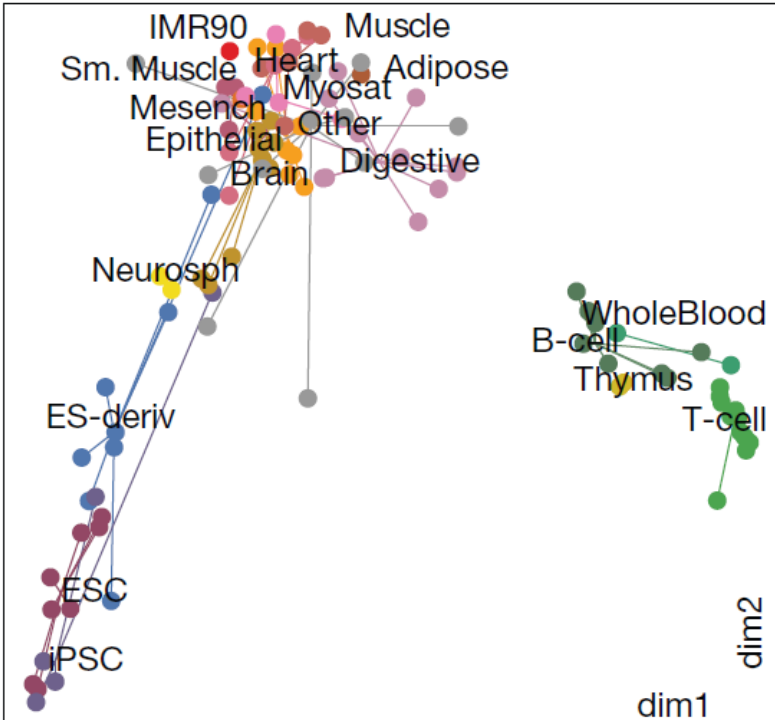
- The meta-data matrix in the first few slides can serve as a reference for deciding which factors to profile in which cell types
- The correlation matrices may give some idea on which cell types are outliers based on the data available, after which these cell types, or cell types like it, can be profiled in more depth.
- Caveats of current approach:
 - Selecting the largest bigWig files may bias towards certain labs and/or periods in time
 - Data in the ENCODE repository can not be assumed to be uniformly processed. Most often it isn't, with signals being on various scales (e.g., $-\log_{10}(\text{p-val})$, fold-change, enrichment, read counts, etc).
 - Selecting 10,000 most variable regions may not be sufficient to reduce the effects of noise

H3K4me1 beyond ENCODE: Cluster with Roadmap

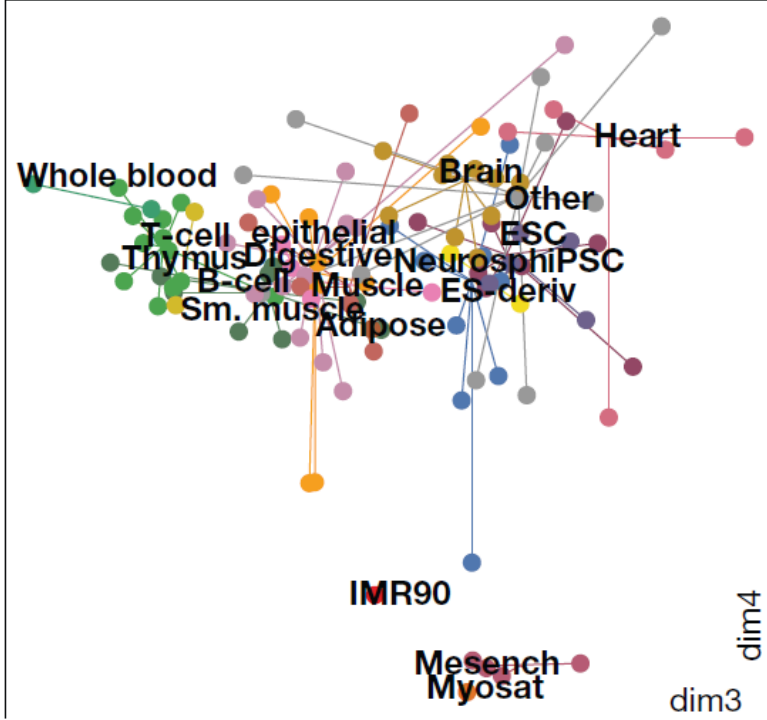
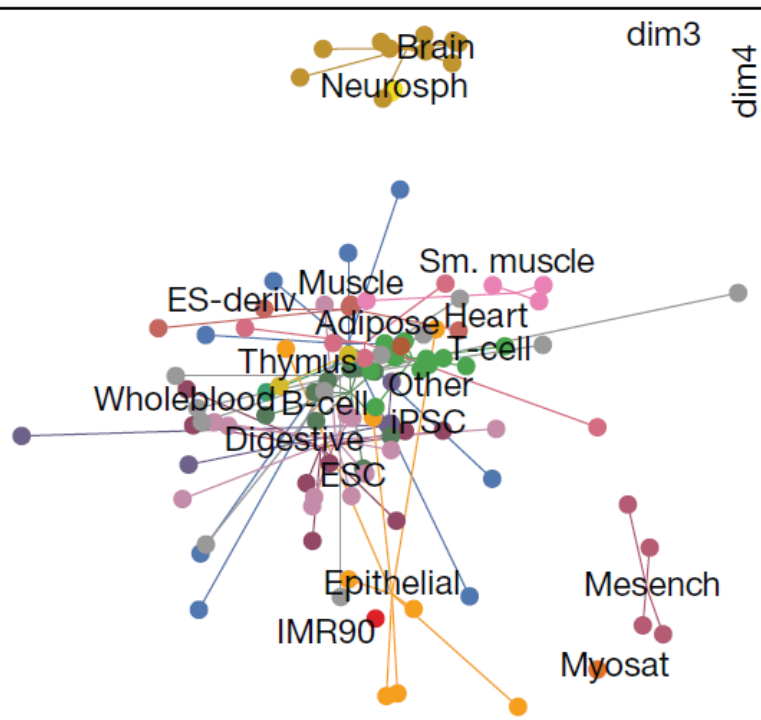
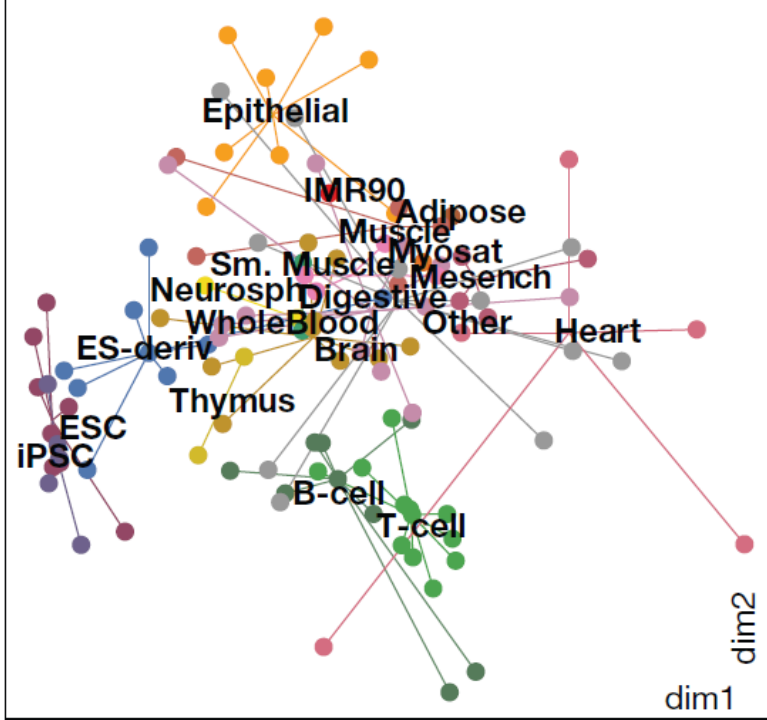


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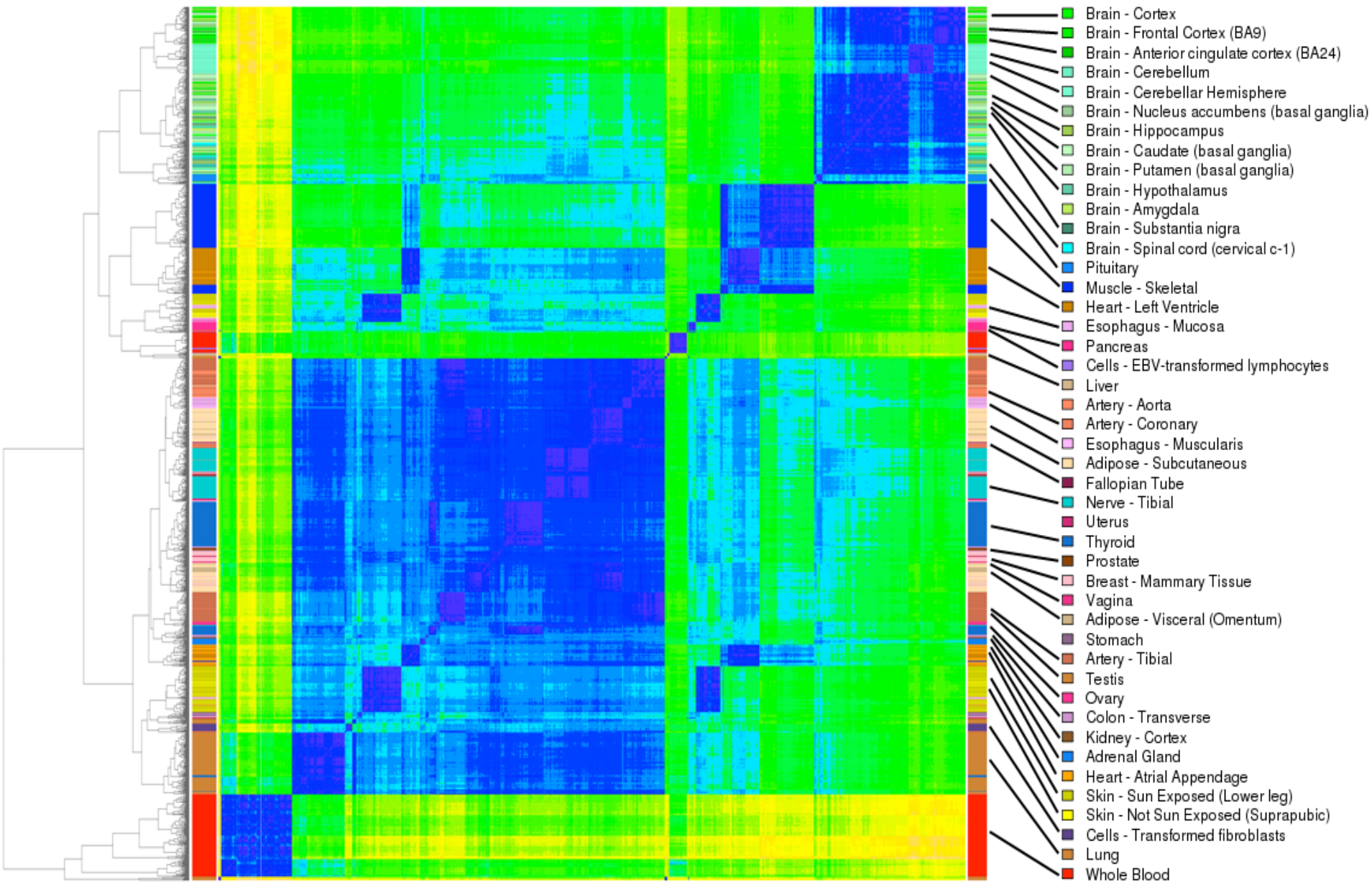
H3K4me1 signal in Enh states

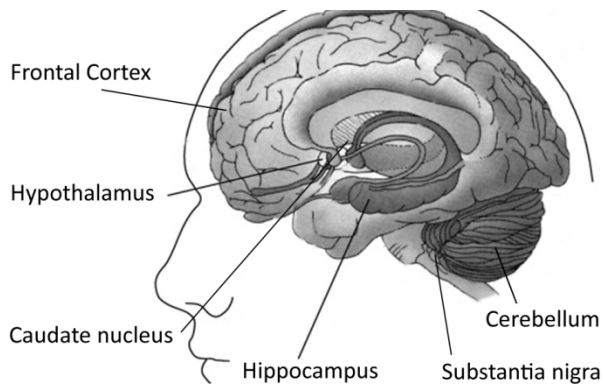
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H3K27me3 signal in ReprPC states

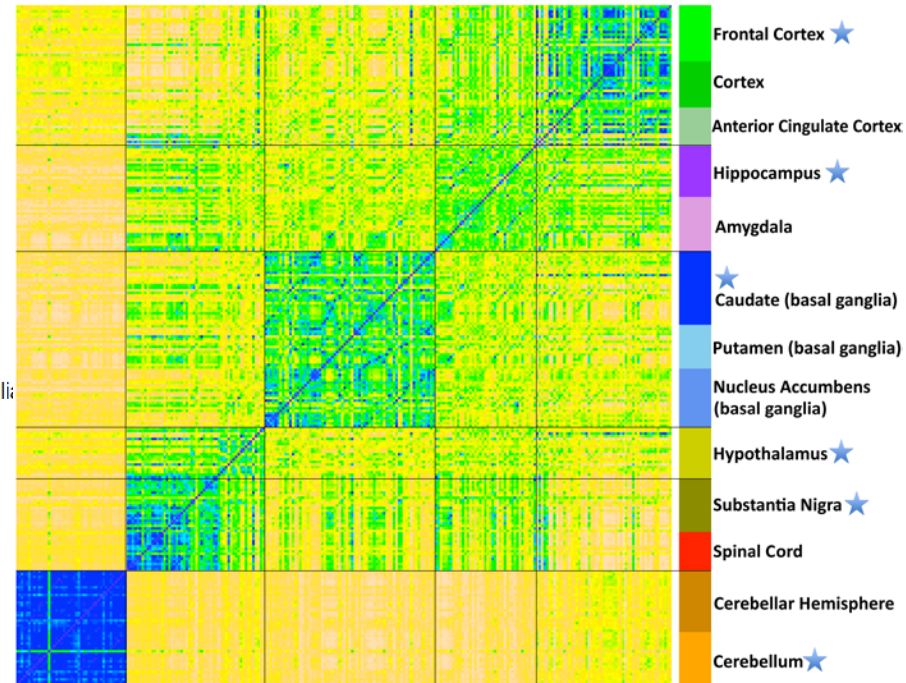
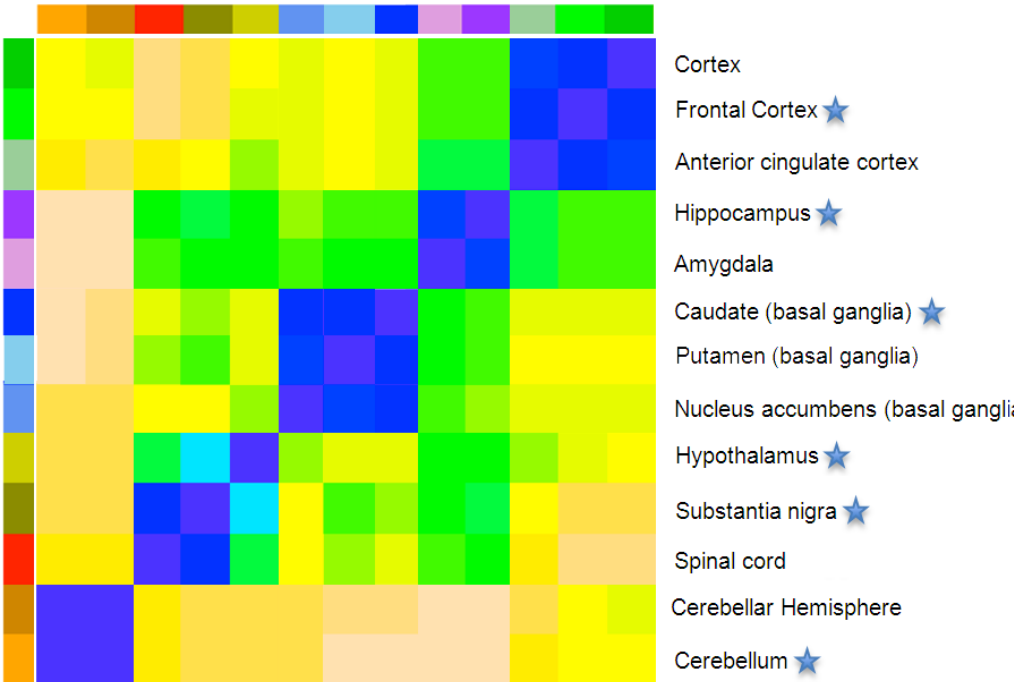


RNA-Seq expression clustering: GTEx





GTEX: Focus on brain sub-regions

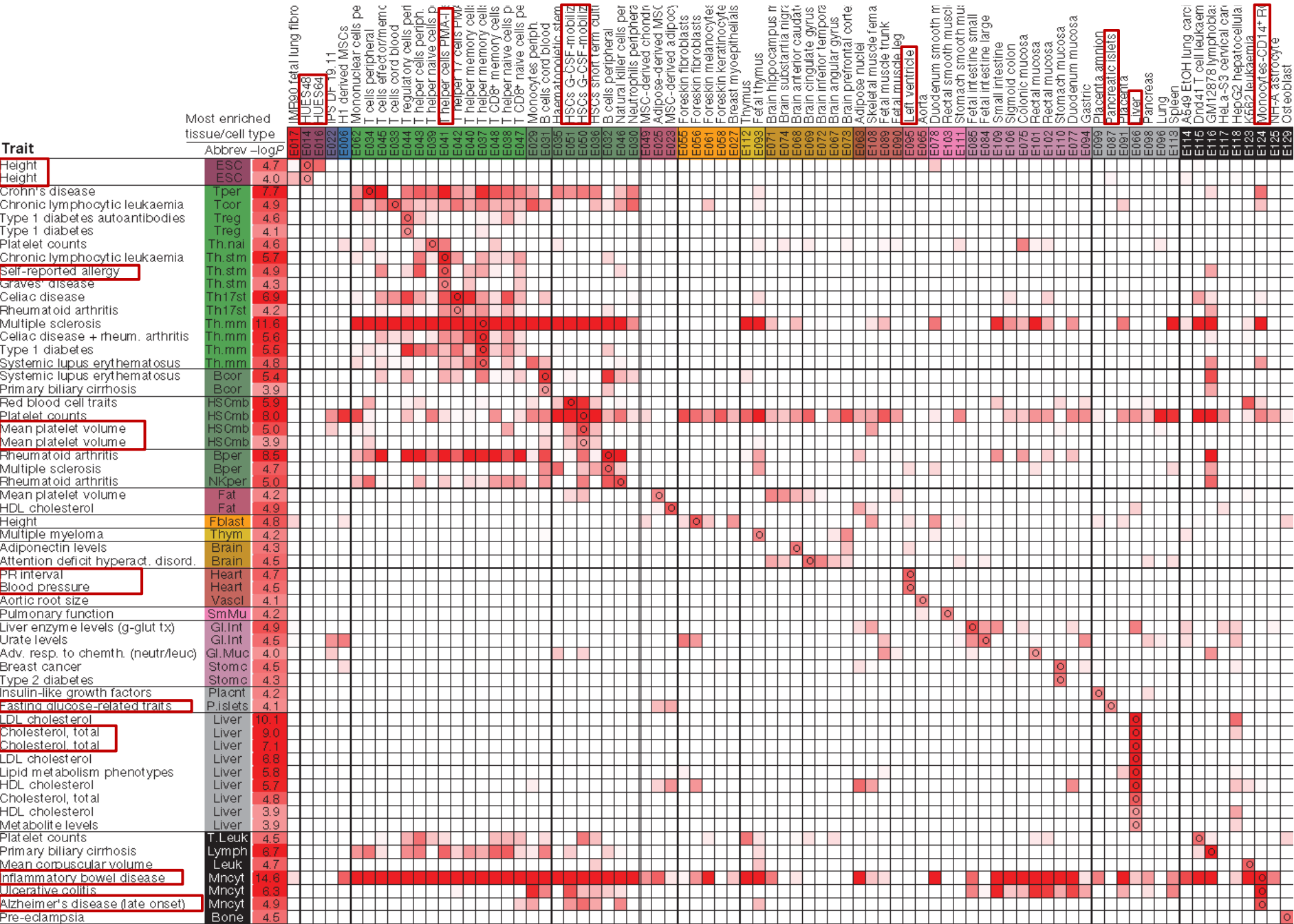


Prioritization for human disease relevance

Tissue	Req.	Avail. by Y3	(a) Relevance to human biology and disease	(b) GTEx eQTLs enriched in GWAS	(c) Epigenomics Roadmap tissues
Heart, Left Ventricle	250	696	Electrocardiographic traits, including QT interval length, Echo, blood pressure (63). Structural traits, including ventricular hypertrophy (e.g. in athletes vs. non-athletes). Covariation with adipose tissue and muscle.	GTEx heart eQTLs enriched in Cholesterol, Hematocrit GWAS	Matching tissues: Left Ventricle, fetal heart
Adipose, subcut.	250	864	Roles in obesity, diabetes, coronary heart disease. Evidence of obesity GWAS vs. adipose tissue traits (7, 64).	Phospholipid levels, cholesterol, hematocrit	Matching cells: adipose nuclei
Muscle, Skeletal	250	876	Role in mitochondrial disorders (65), muscular dystrophy (66). Use as control region for heart (skeletal vs. cardiac tissue), to identify heart-specific eQTLs not found in muscle.	GTEx eQTLs enriched in multiple sclerosis, HDL cholesterol GWAS	Matching tissue: skeletal muscle (3 samples)
Thyroid	250	756	Role in 22q11.2 deletion syndrome (67). Can influence many other tissues, heart rhythm, obesity, adipose tissue, cholesterol levels, liver.	Crohn's disease, metabolic traits.	No matching tissue
Skin, not sun exp.	250	752	Role in cancer predisposition. Methylation changes with age for sun-exposed skin, genetic vs. non-genetic variation (68)	Enriched in total cholesterol, hematocrit	Skin cell lines (multiple lines)
Lung	250	774	Roles in lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma. Smoking relationship to lung gene expression. Gene expression changes with age (69)	GTEx eQTLs enriched in pulmonary function	Matching tissue: fetal lung
Whole Blood	250	894	White blood cells role in immune diseases, including T1D. Relationship between cholesterol, blood gene expression, and behavioral traits (70). Surrogate tissue for many other traits given accessibility.	GTEx eQTLs enriched in phospholipid levels, total cholesterol.	Matching cells: Peripheral blood primary cells
Frontal Cortex	100/250*	260	Cognitive traits. CpG methylation changes with age. Age-related neurological disorders, including Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, dementia.	Insufficient sample size for eQTL enrichment.	Matching tissue: frontal cortex

Region	Req	Avl.	Biological, cognitive, and disease roles
Cerebellum	100	261	Represents "lower" brain regions. Is involved in motor control and autism (84-85)
Brain: Frontal Cortex (also Aims 1&2)	100	260	Role in memory and cognition that is impaired by aging, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, mood disorders, and drug addiction (86).
Caudate (Basal Ganglia)	100	260	Role in Parkinson's and Huntington's (87) as well as autism and language (85) through dopamine signaling and corticostriatal motor learning circuits.
Substantia Nigra	100	258	Role in cognition/motor system disorders, especially dopamine signaling in Parkinson's (88)
Hippocampus	100	259	Role in learning, memory and cognition, brain aging, Alzheimer's, schizophrenia, depression (89)
Hypothalamus	100	260	Role in appetite, addiction, and circadian rhythms (90-91). Hormone signaling could related to gene expression patterns other brain and non-brain tissues.

Prioritization based on observed GWAS enrichments



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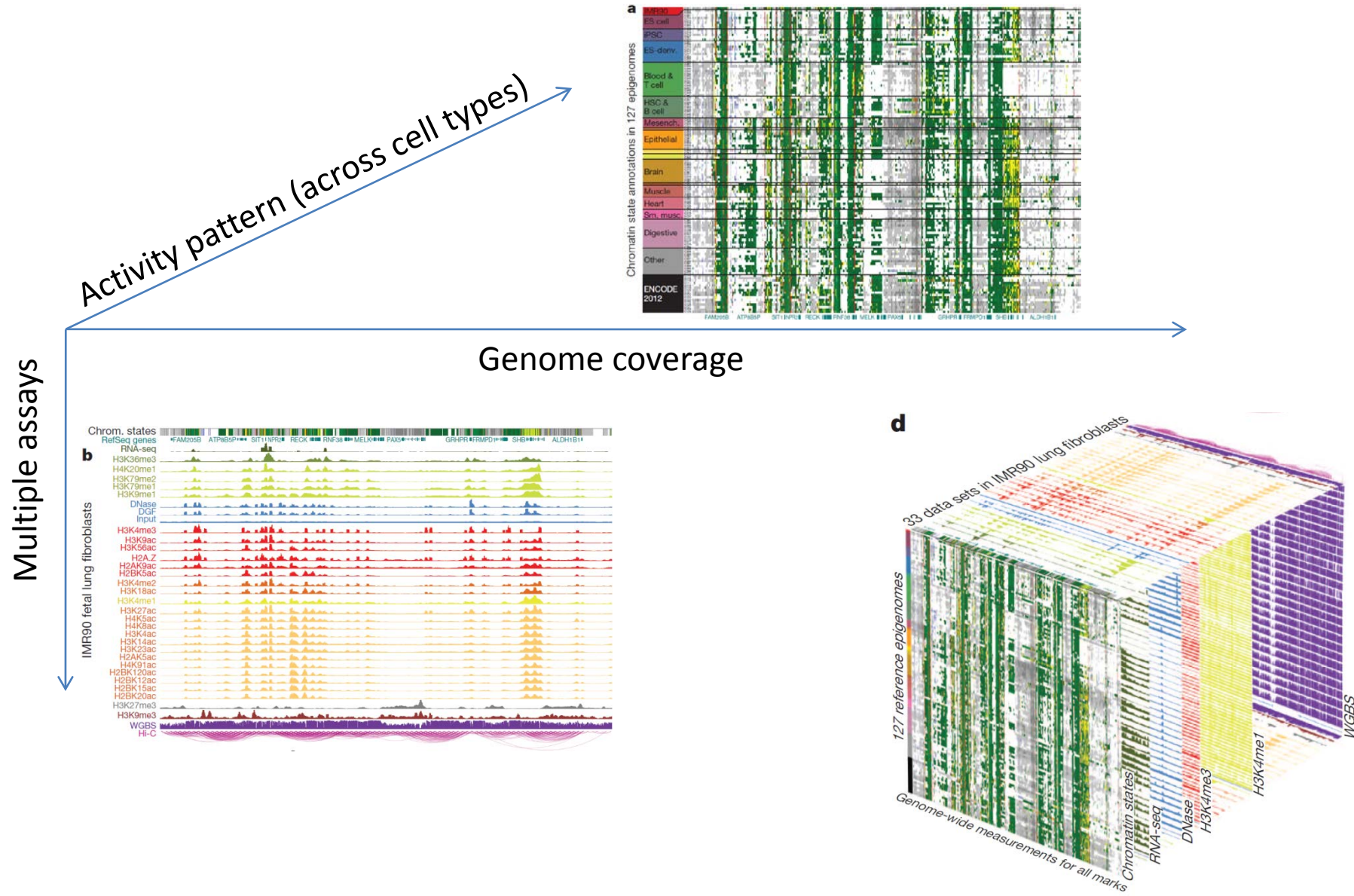
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Tracking ENCODE element identification over time

- **An information-based approach for evaluating the usefulness of **existing** and **planned** experiments in ENCODE.**
- **Our goal is to develop formal methods for assessing the information gained from additional experiments in the context of the compendium of existing ENCODE experiments**

Assessing ENCODE progress



Evaluating information content of experiments

Quantify the unique information each experiment provide in the context of the compendium using **information-theoretic approaches**.

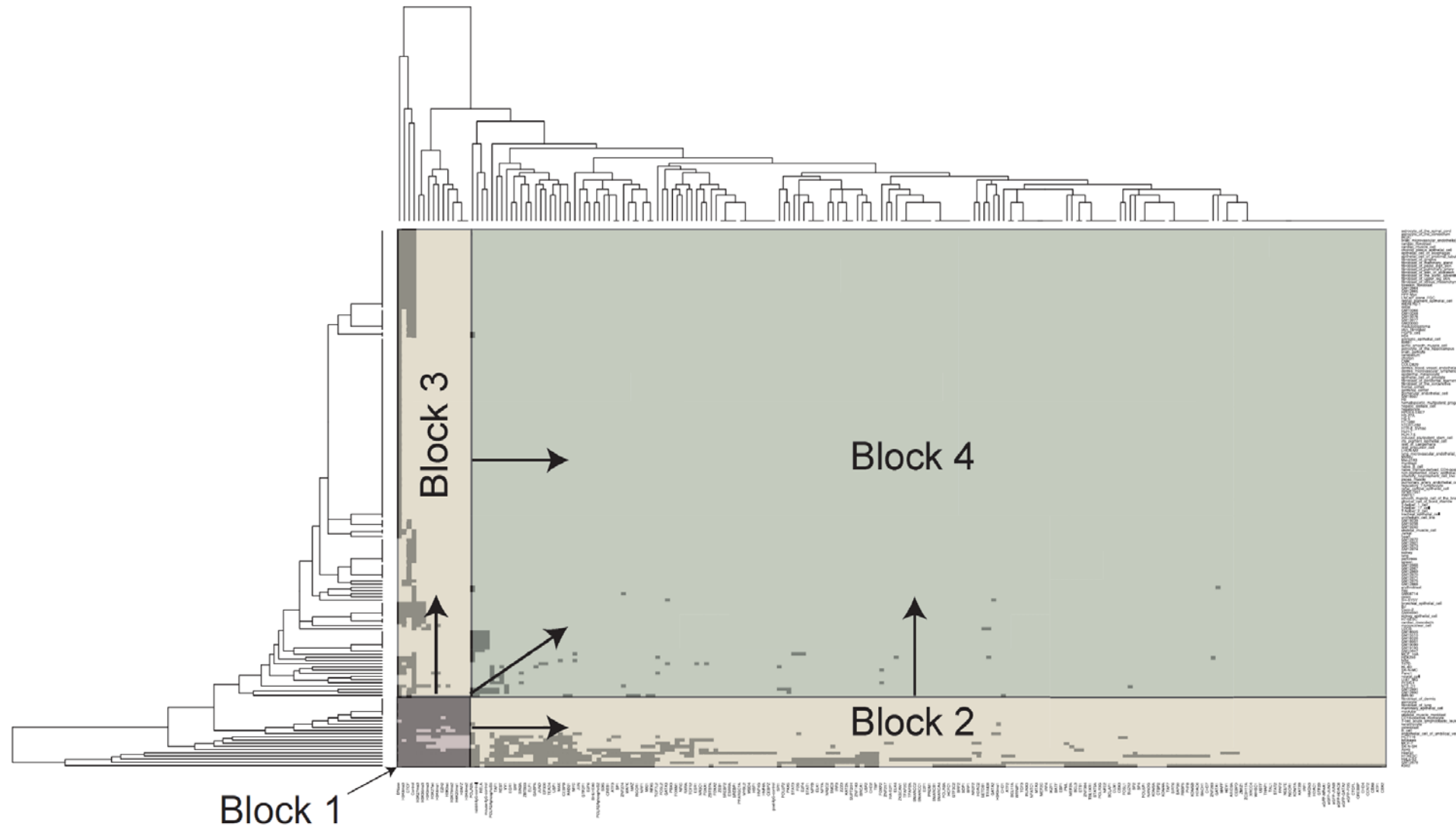
Several factors need to be taken into account :

1. the **reproducibility** of an assay between replicate experiments
2. the **resolution** of the assay
3. the **robustness** of the experiment to variation in experimental conditions
4. the **rarity** of the element type
5. the ability to **predict** of a given assay from other assays in the **same cell type**
6. the ability to **predict** a given assay from same/other assays in **other cell types**
7. the increase in **enrichments for independent datasets** e.g. GWAS variants, regulatory motif matches, evolutionary conservation. resulting from the incorporation of a given experiment to an existing compendium
8. the increased **ability to predict known regulatory motifs** by incorporation of the additional experiments
9. the increase in the **ability to predict the activity pattern** of a given element resulting from incorporation of the additional experiment in an existing data compendium

Factors influencing these properties

- a) the type of assay;
- b) the specific cell type selected;
- c) the experimental conditions used;
- d) the quality of antibodies (when applicable);
- e) the cell type heterogeneity of the sample;
- f) the sequencing depth at which the experiment is carried out;
- g) the amount of DNA extracted (and thus effective depth of the library).

ENCODE Imputation strategy: 4 stages



More concretely...

Rarity of genomic coverage

The information obtained from a new experiment D_x is contingent upon the information that we have gained from the existing ENCODE experiments. This pertains to (1) the percentage of novel elements we uncover relative to the same factors in different cell line D_y ; and (2) the percentage of novel elements identified for different factors in the same cell line D_z . Quantitatively, we have the following equation:

$$C_{rarity} = \frac{D_x - (D_x \cap D_y)}{D_x} - \frac{D_x - (D_x \cap D_z)}{D_x}$$

Predictability of the experimental signals

We can cast predicting experimental signals by imputation (i.e., predicting missing values using existing data). Specifically, using machine-learning approach, we can train a regression model using existing ENCODE data to predict the unobserved ENCODE signals in a novel combination of the ENCODE factor and cell type. The predictability is measured by coefficient of determination (COD), which is interpreted as the proportion of the variance in the dependent variable that is predictable from the independent variable:

$$C_{pred} \equiv R^2 = 1 - \frac{\sum_i (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2}{\sum_i (y_i - \bar{y})^2}$$

(...)

Novel functional implication of new experiments

To measure the novel functional implication, we will examine (1) the tendency of the newly discovered elements of being in expression quantitative loci (eQTL); (2) enrichment for known GWAS hits. To associate a quantitative score with eQTL and GWAS hits, we will calculate the increase (or decrease) of hypergeometric enrichment for each of two categories by including the new experimental data into the existing data.

$$C_{func} = -\log\left(1 - \frac{\binom{K}{k}\binom{N-K}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}\right) + \log\left(1 - \frac{\binom{K}{k_0}\binom{N-K}{n_0-k_0}}{\binom{N}{n_0}}\right)$$

Deliverables proposed

1. present a framework that incorporates each of these metrics in a formal information-theoretic framework;
2. systematically apply these metrics to the ENCODE 2 and ENCODE 3 compendiums to evaluate the information gained by each dataset;
3. summarize the lessons learned from this systematic application on the value of different experiment types and different cell types;
4. make predictions for the most informative experiments to carry out going forward, including assays, cell types, and sequencing depth;
5. provide a series of tools for enabling such analyses more broadly.

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Identifying mixups in NGS datasets

1. Larger datasets increase chance of swaps
2. Can have huge effect on conclusions – may manifest as “interesting” results
 - Has happened to me
3. Investigated for eQTL datasets
 - None (to my knowledge) for epigenetic data
4. May also be useful for identifying low quality datasets

87 input epigenetic datasets

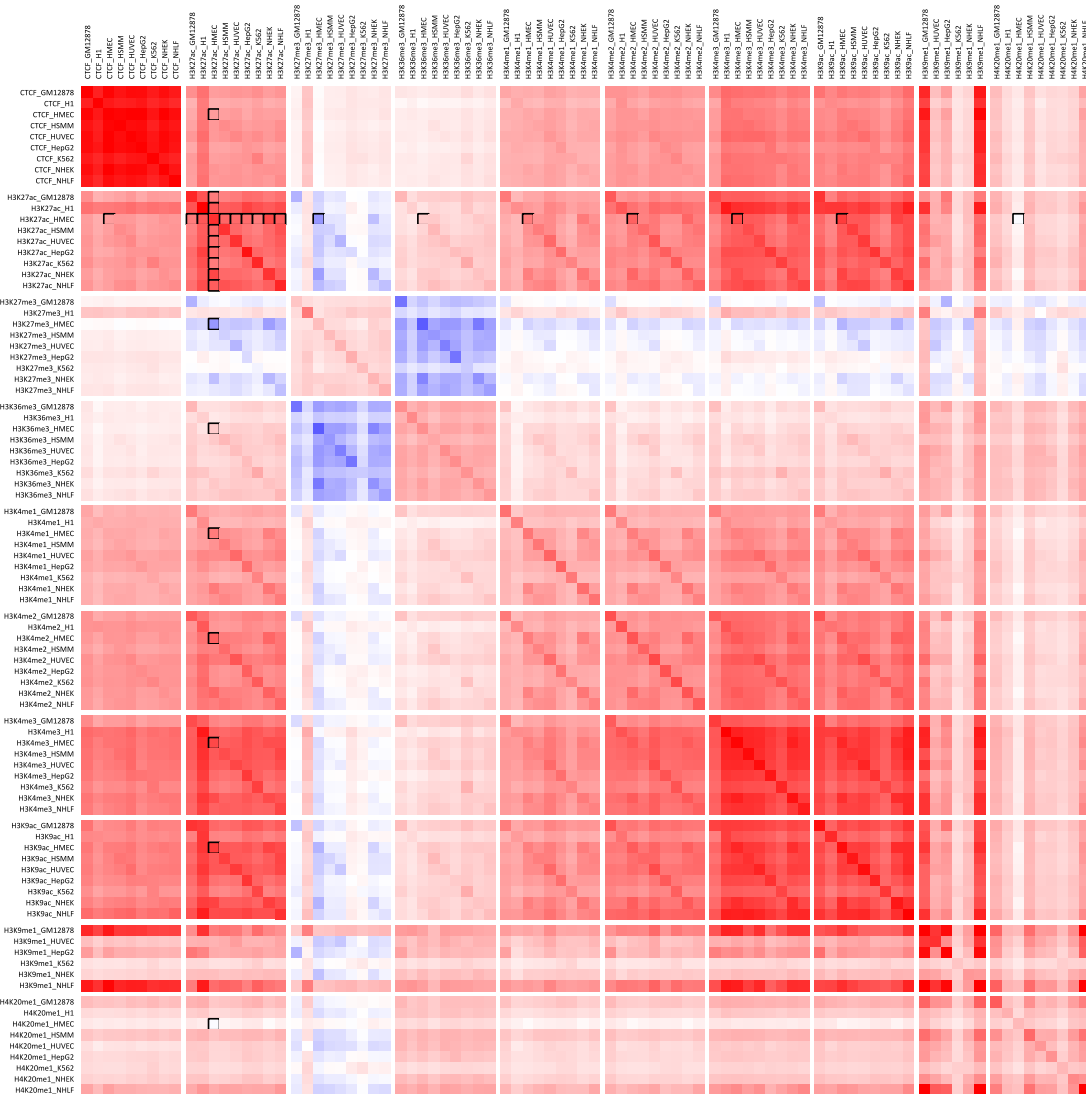
Cell Types	Marks
H1	CTCF
K562	H3K27ac
GM12878	H3K27me3
HepG2	H3K36me3
HUVEC	H3K4me1
HSMM	H3K4me2
NHLF	H3K4me3
NHEK	H3K9ac
HMEC	H3K9me1
	H4K20me1

- Epigenetic data from ENCODE2 (Ernst, et al. 2011)
- Complete matrix except H3K9me1_H1, H3K9me1_HSMM, H3K9me1_HMEC

Strategy for identifying sample swaps

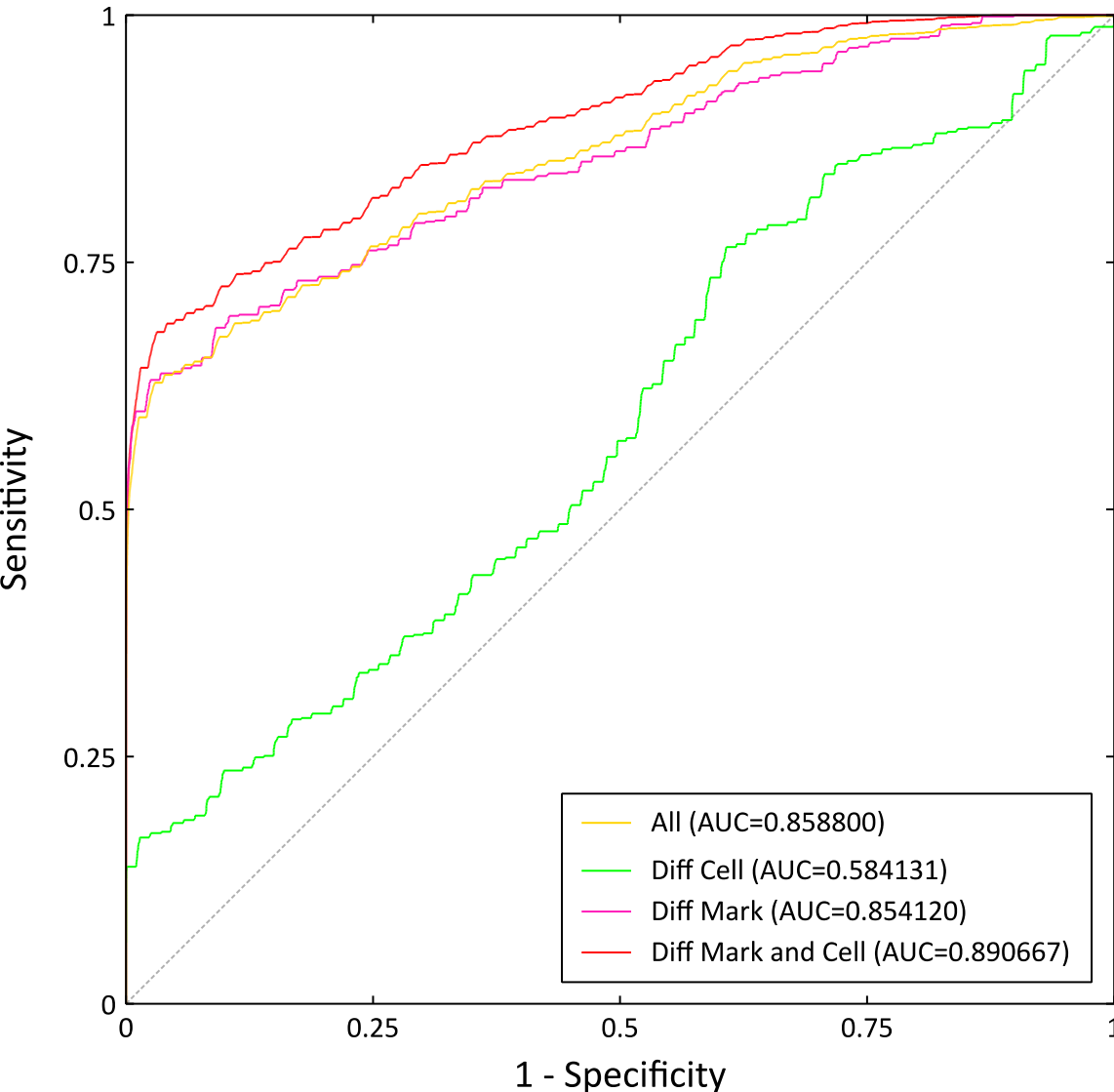
- Compute similarity for every pair of datasets
 - will discuss four today
- Produce dataset's **consistency score**
 - Compute average similarity to all datasets in the same set
 - Set can be datasets with the same mark, cell type, or either
 - Subtract average similarity to all other datasets
- Artificially swap all pairs to measure performance (AUC)
 - Note: each swap can effect the score of other datasets

Score #1: Peak overlap enrichment consistency



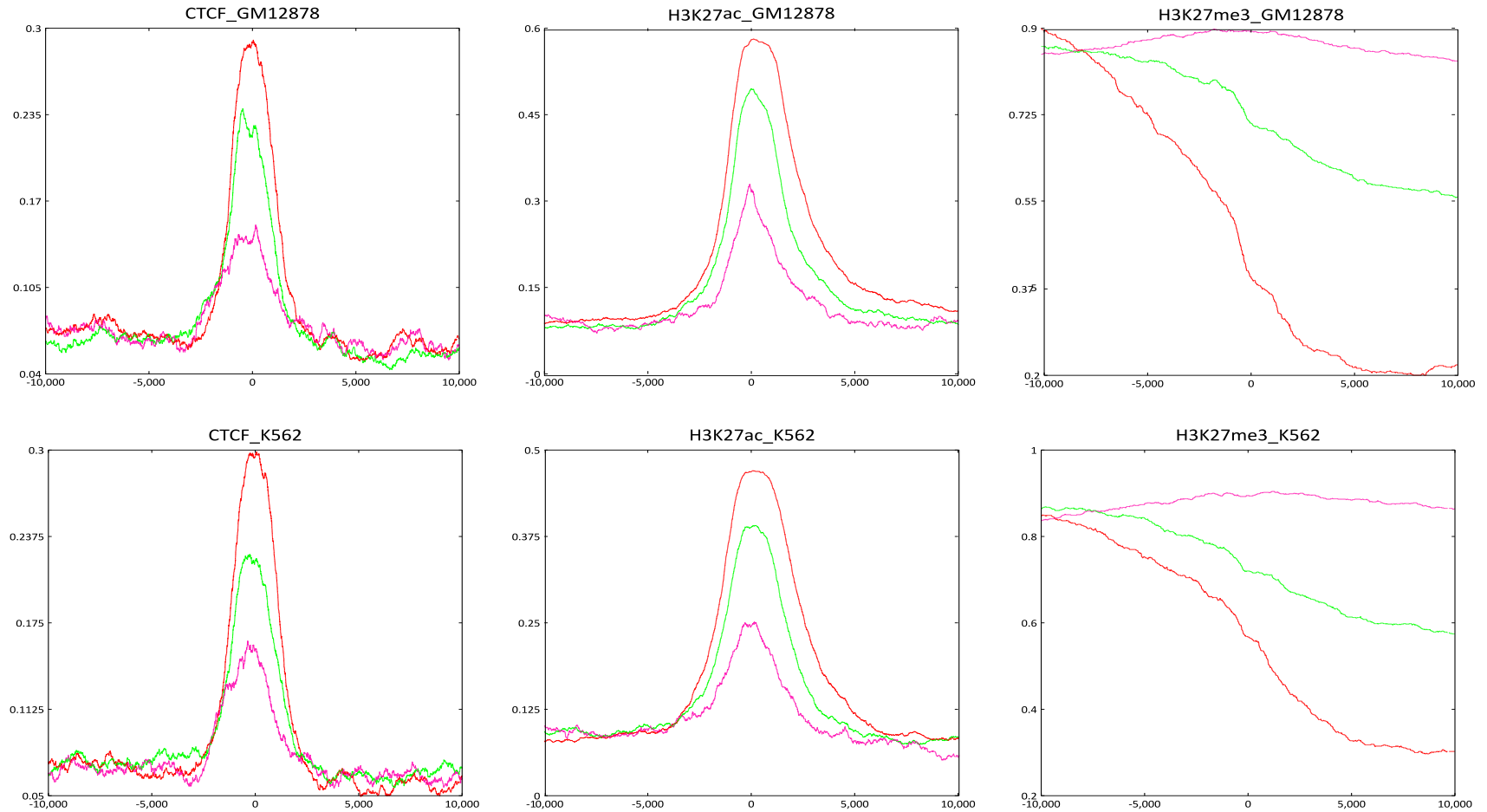
- Single number for each dataset
- Average score to all datasets with same mark or same cell minus average to all other datasets
- Easy to simulate sample swaps – how well can we find them?

Score #1: Peak overlap enrichment ROC



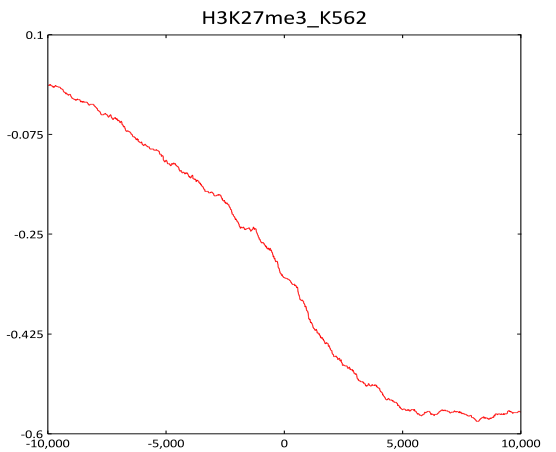
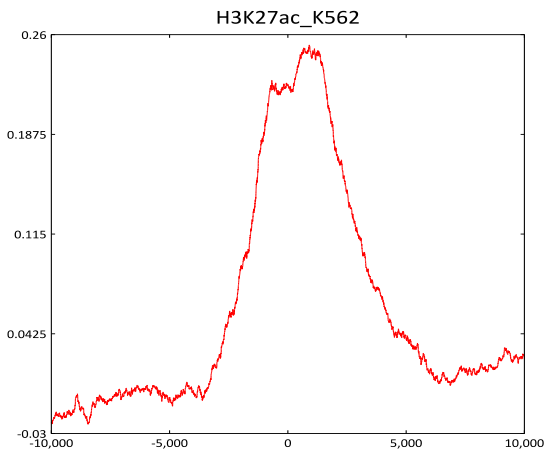
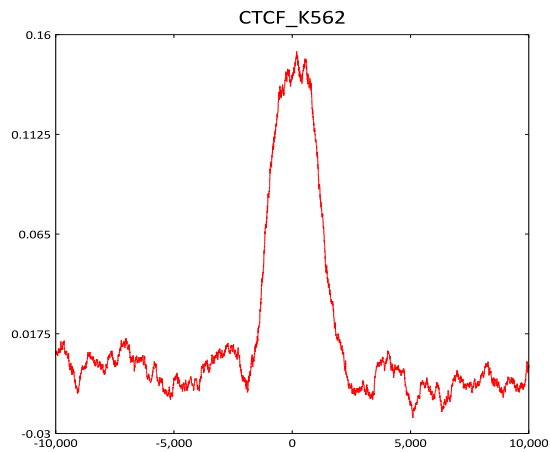
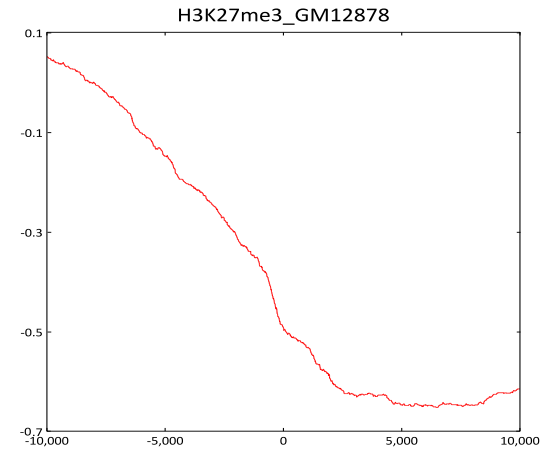
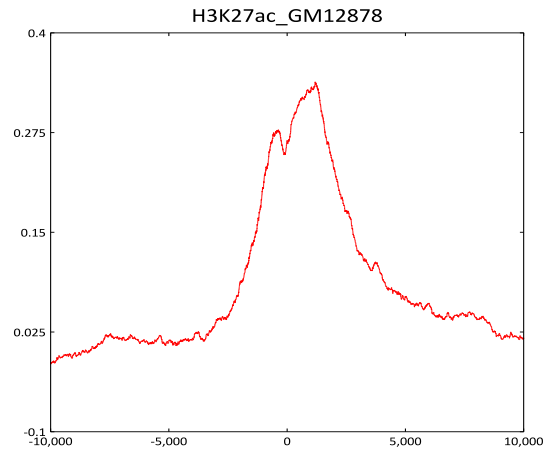
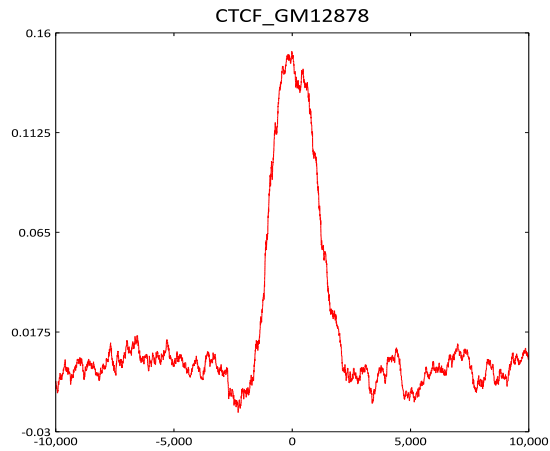
- Perform all 3741 = 87 choose 2 swaps
- Use consistency score to differentiate positive (swapped) to non-swapped datasets
- Overall AUC of 0.85 in identifying swaps
- Virtually no false positives at 50% sensitivity
- Poor performance in identifying swaps when mark does not change

Score #2: TSS profile of marks

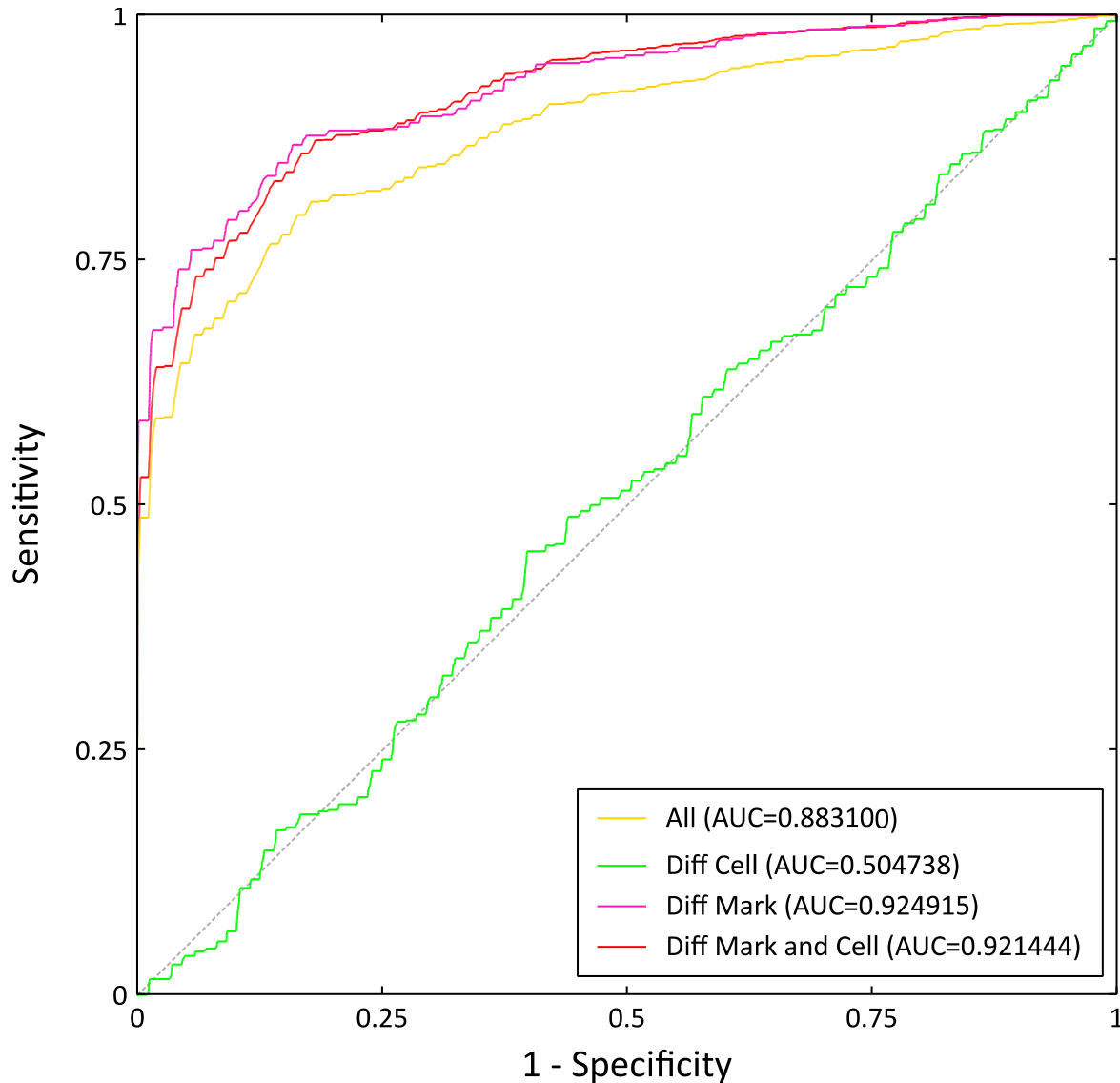


Mean peak density as function of distance from TSS for high (red), mid (green), and low (pink) expressed genes (expression is average across all cell types)

Score #2: TSS profile high minus low



TSS profile can identify swapped marks

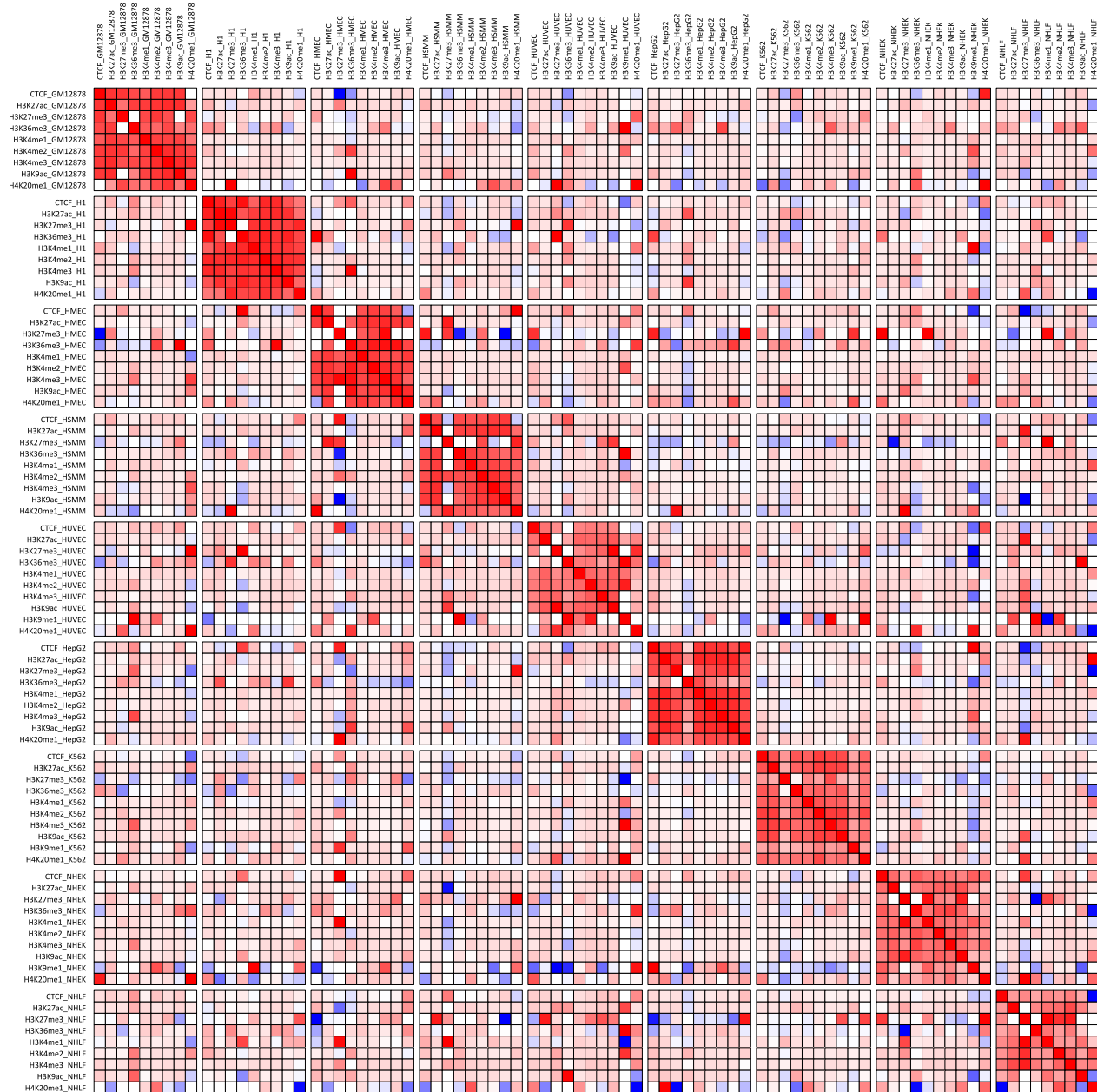


- Same procedure as with peak overlaps
- All 3741 swaps
- Roughly same overall AUC
- Better at distinguishing marks
- Cannot distinguish cell types

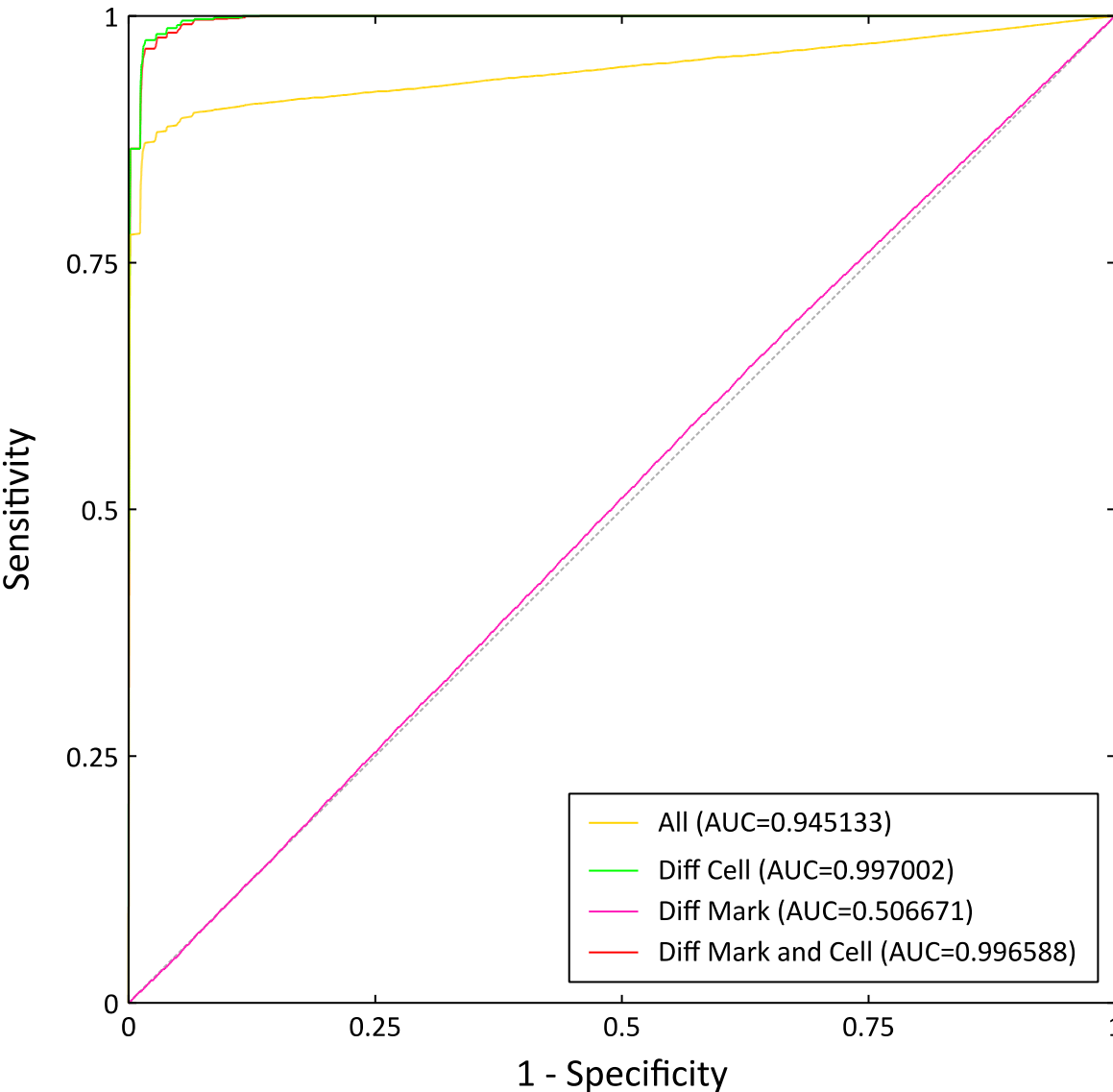
Score #3: Genetic evidence to identify cell swaps

1. Because we have raw reads, we can also look at SNPs to identify origin cell type
2. Count bases seen at reads for each of 660k snps on HapMap 650v3 array
3. Compute fraction of reads corresponding to the most observed base
 - Essentially building a vector of heterozygous vs. homozygous sites
4. For each pair of datasets, correlate all positions that have at least 5 reads in both

Score #3: Genetic consistency similarity

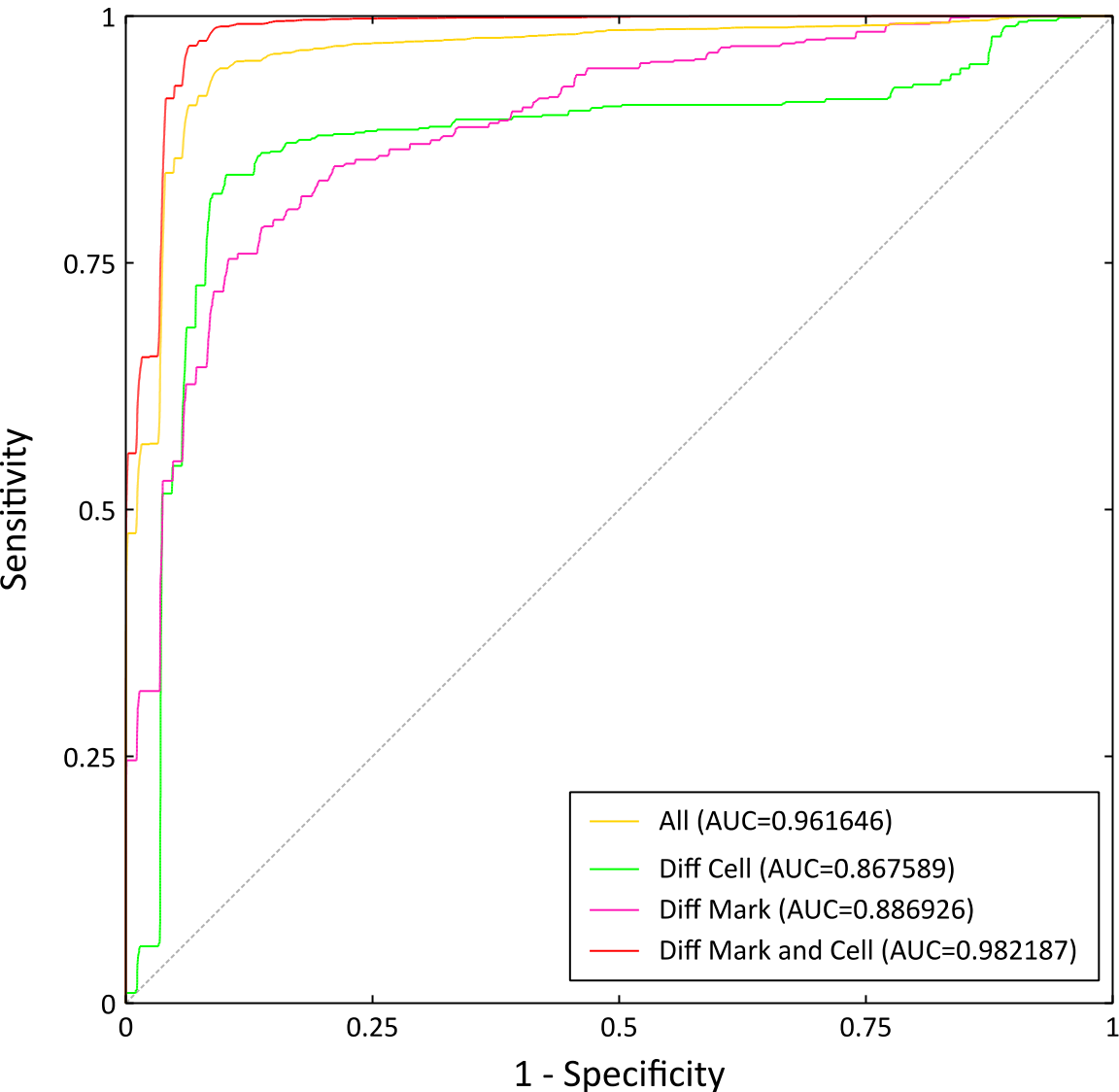


Score #3: Genetic evidence finds nearly all cell type swaps



- Consistency score produced using datasets of the same cell type
- Nearly perfect in identifying cell type swaps
- No power to identify mark swaps

Score #4: Genetic + TSS profile more balanced



- Simple mean of genetic and TSS profile similarity values
- Worse than genetic/tss at cell type/marks, but better overall

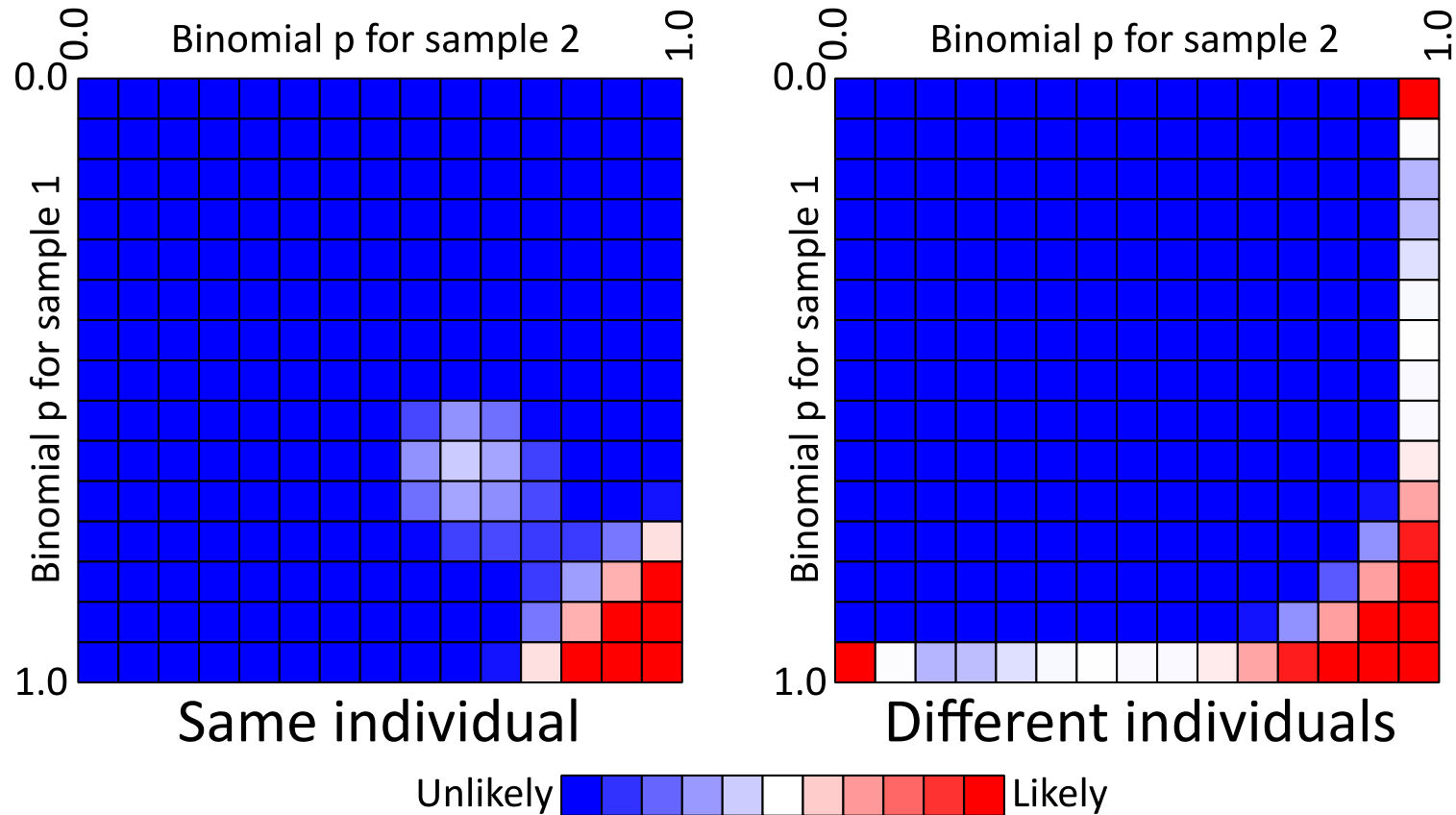
Challenges to using correlation for genetic evidence

- Some pairs of samples only have a few positions in common
 - Makes correlations unreliable
 - The positions that are in common are not comparable
 - Some have many reads, some have very few
- Log likelihood ratio of trained models

EM Trained models for positions from (mis)matched individuals

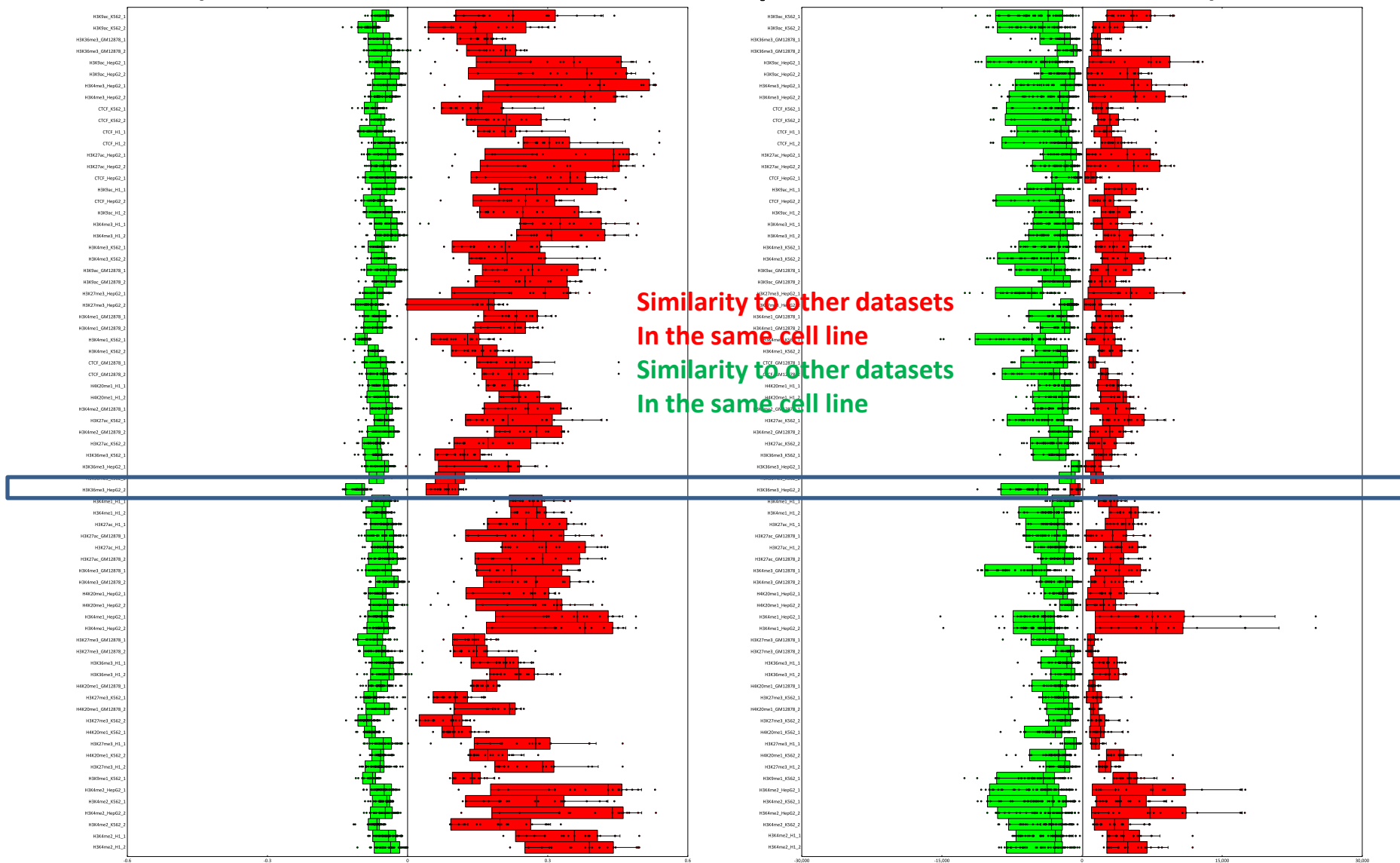
- Consider a position with reads for two individuals (a,b)
- There are two alleles
 - Let 1 be the more observed allele
- We have two ratios: $a_1/(a_1+a_2)$, $b_1/(b_1+b_2)$
- Use EM to train mixture of a binomials to fit the observed ratios
 - Separately for matched, mismatched individuals

EM Trained models for positions from (mis)matched individuals



- Ratio summed across positions with reads for both samples
- Sign indicates same/different individual
- Magnitude indicates confidence

Worse performance with ENCODE data (GM12878, H1, K562, HepG2 from ENCODE2)

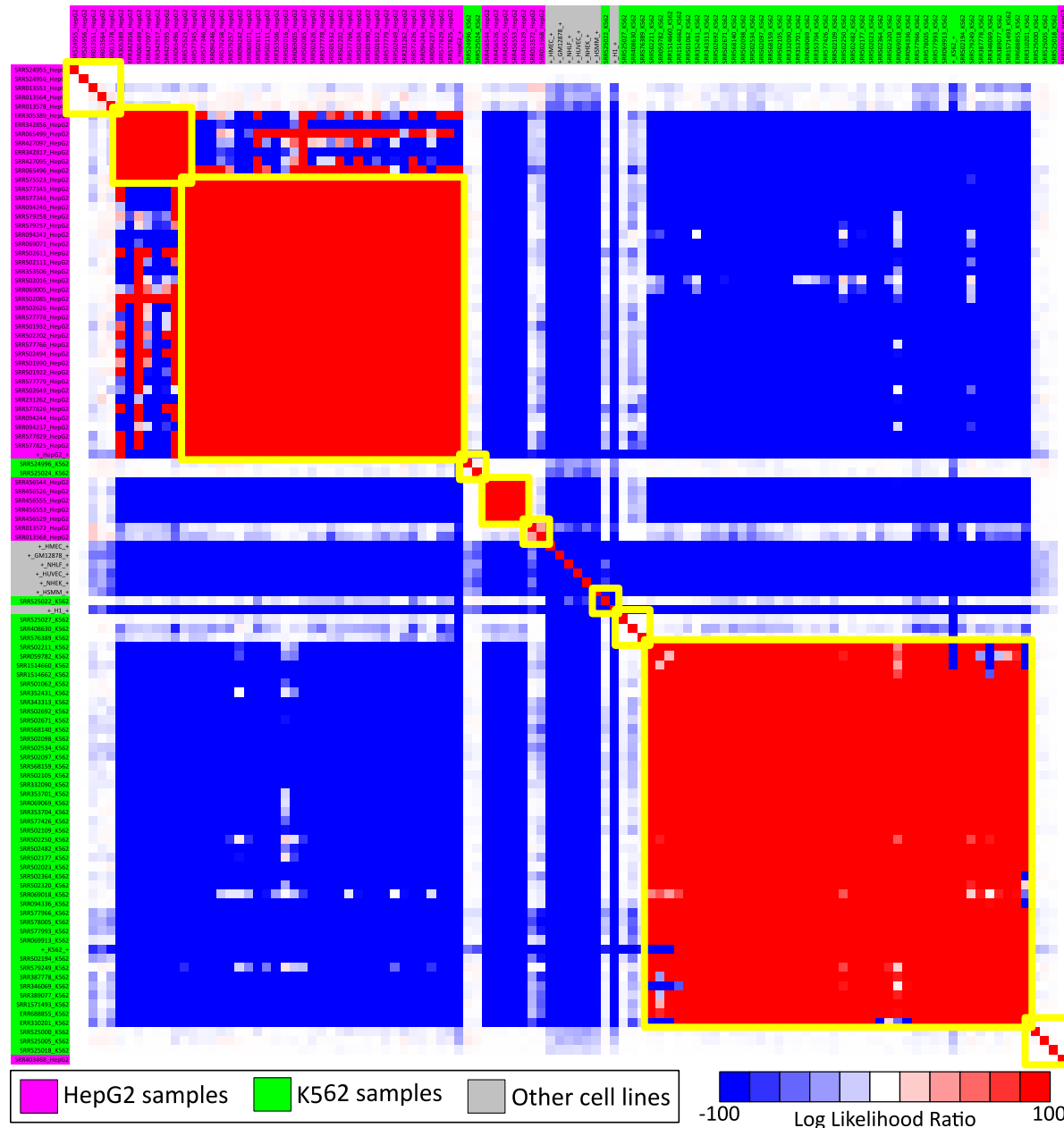


Correlation (AUC=0.999967)

EM Matrix (AUC=0.998087)

Applying genetic evidence to SRA

- RNA/ChIP-seq data from SRA
 - 50 each K562/HepG2 + ENCODE
- Most datasets match what is expected
 - Some not consistently. Mixed samples?
- Some match each other, but not most of the same cell line
- A few datasets on their own



Conclusion

- Sample swaps are a common occurrence with large datasets
 - Swaps may occur by the vendor providing cells
- Being able to identify them automatically would be very useful
- Genetics provides very strong evidence of swaps between samples originating from different individuals

Future directions

1. Improved composite score
 - ML approach to finding discriminating features
2. Improvement to genetic score to deal with sparse datasets
 - Normalize individual datasets error rate?
3. Run analysis on ENCODE3 datasets
4. Distribute tools for performing analysis